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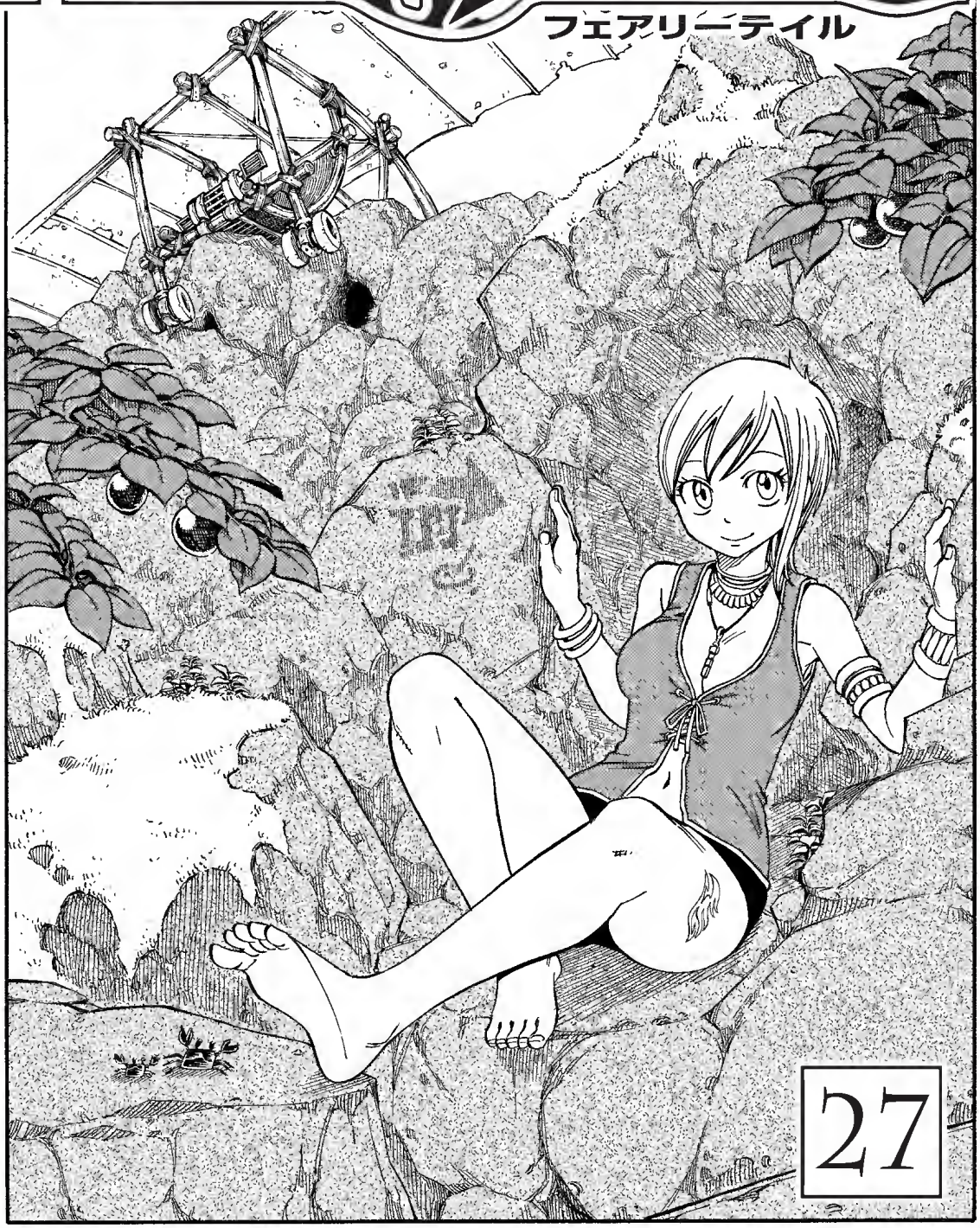

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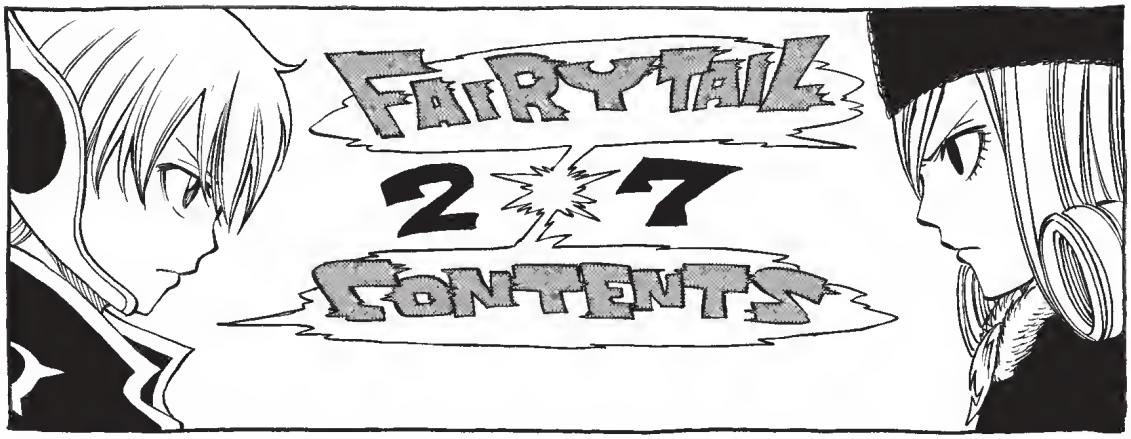

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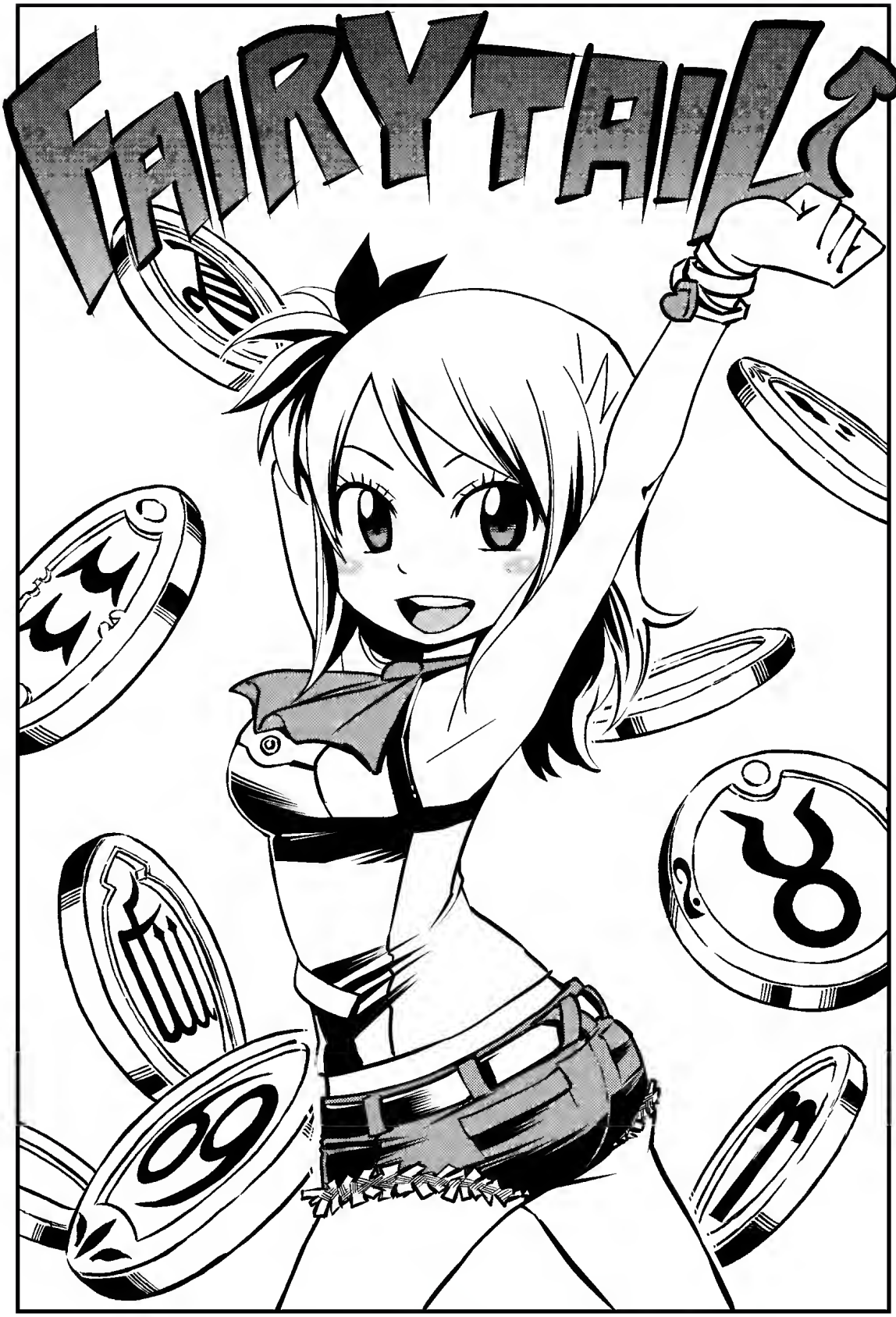

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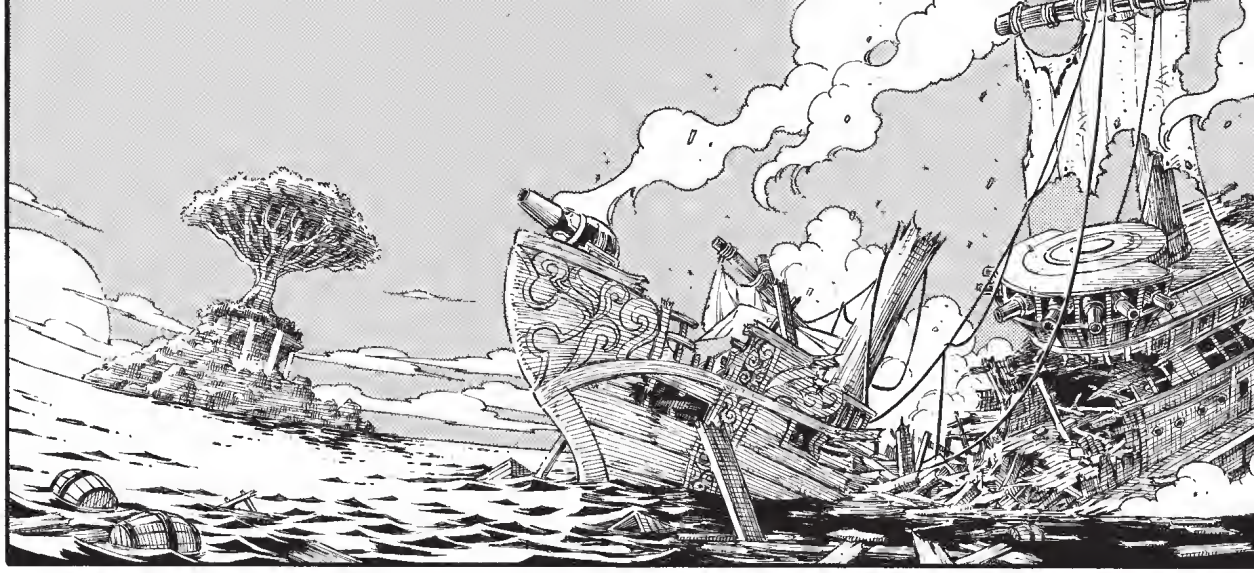
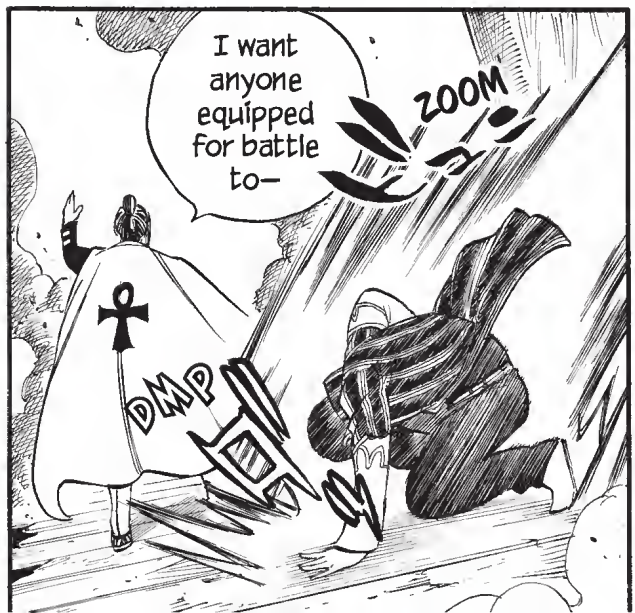
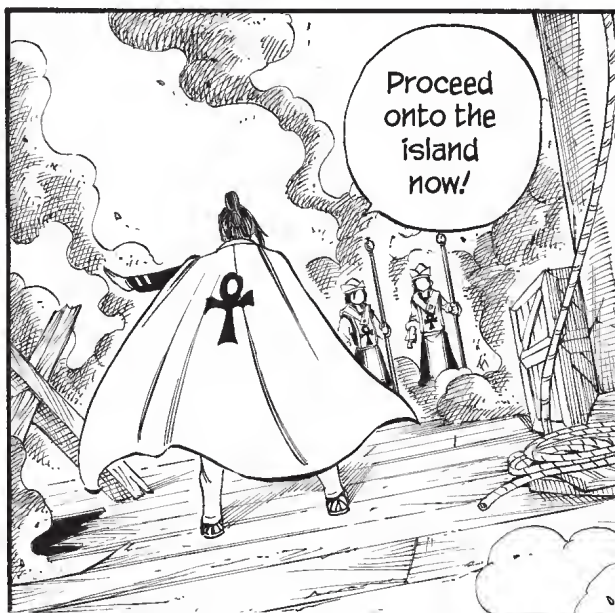
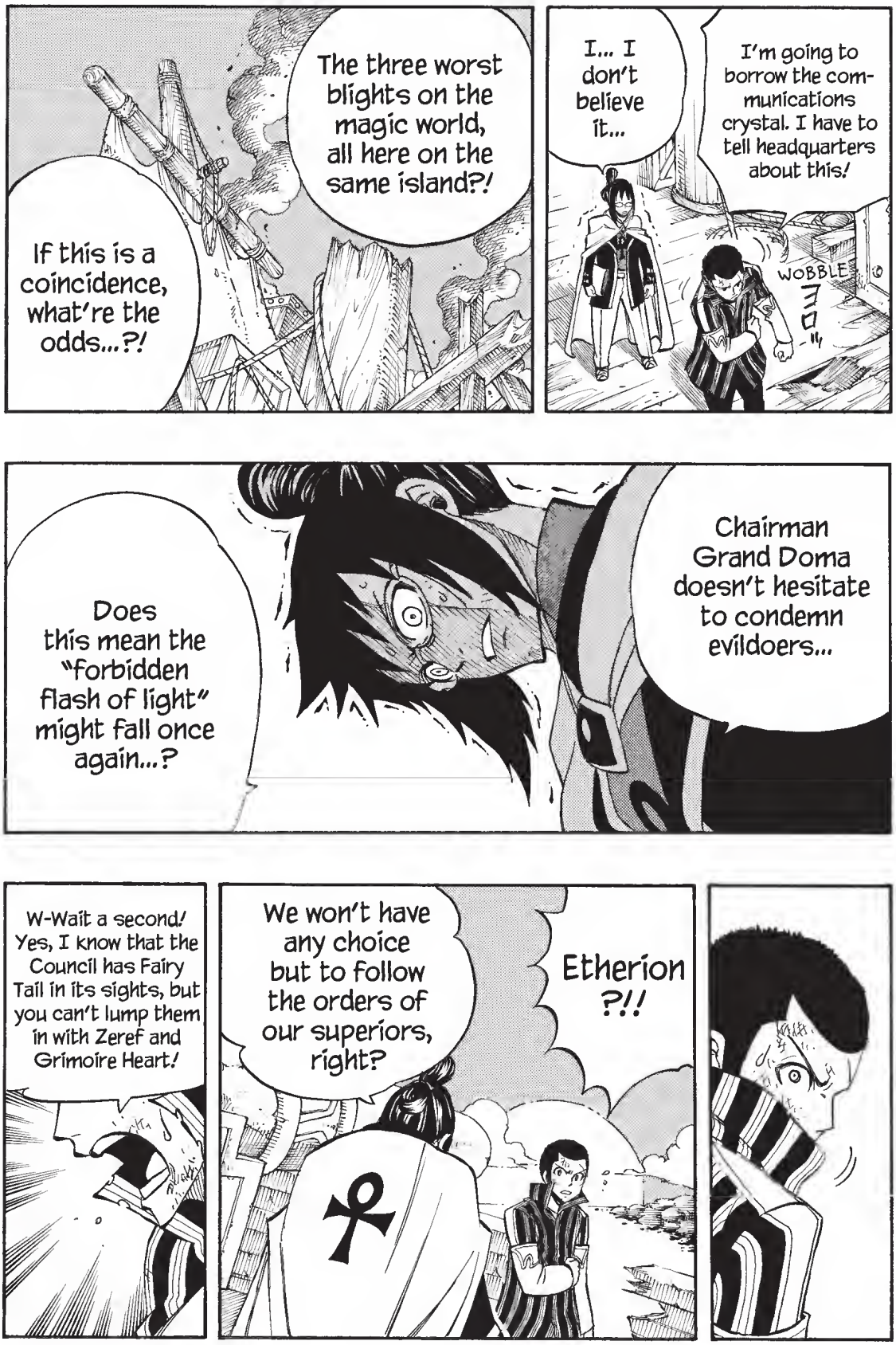


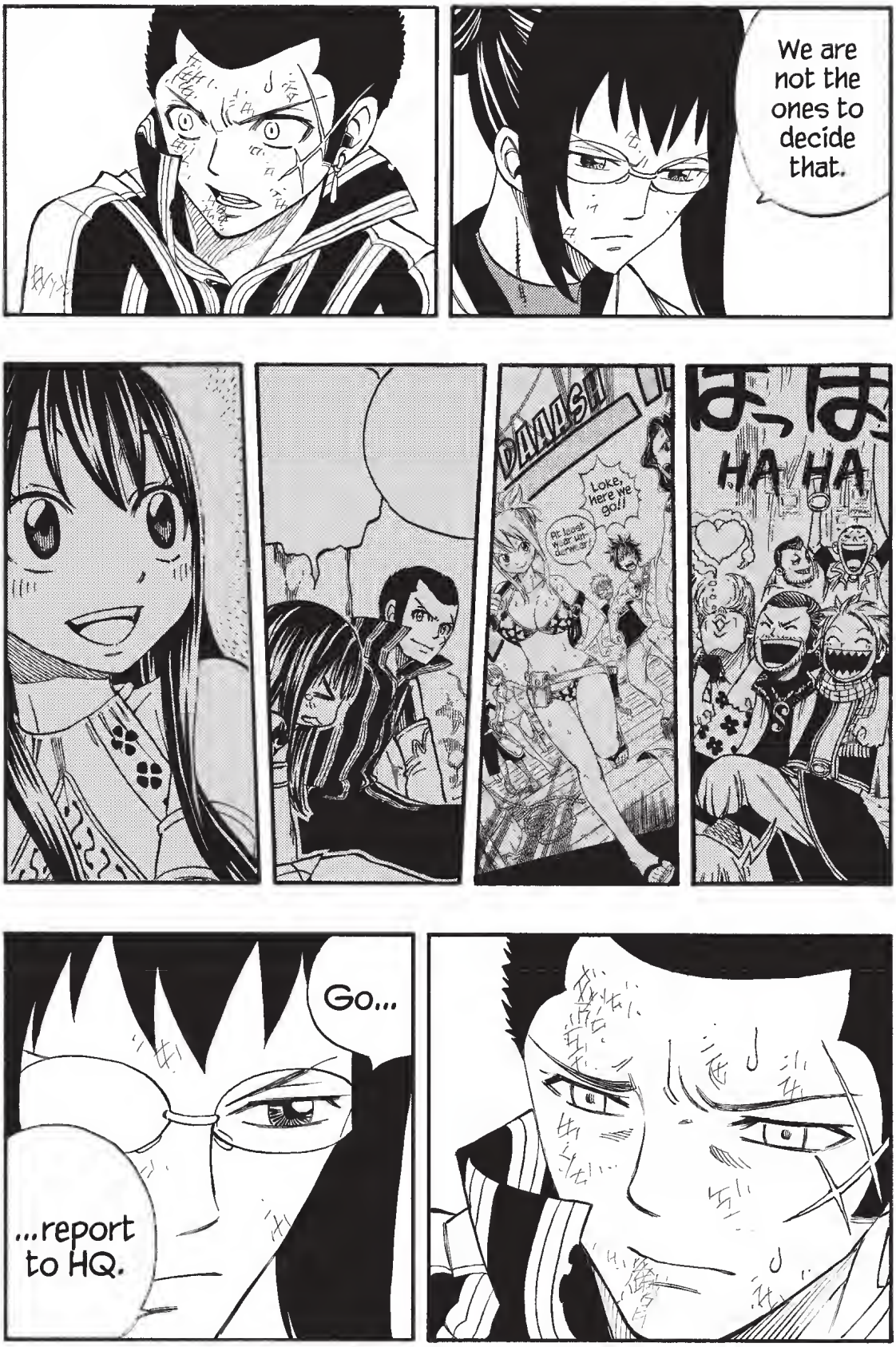
WHOOSH
Hurry and treat the wounded!
Equipment and supply problems can wait!
YAH
YAH
NEW MAGIC COUNCIL MEMBER
FOURTH REGIMENT ARREST-AND-CUSTODY DIVISION COMMANDER LAHAR

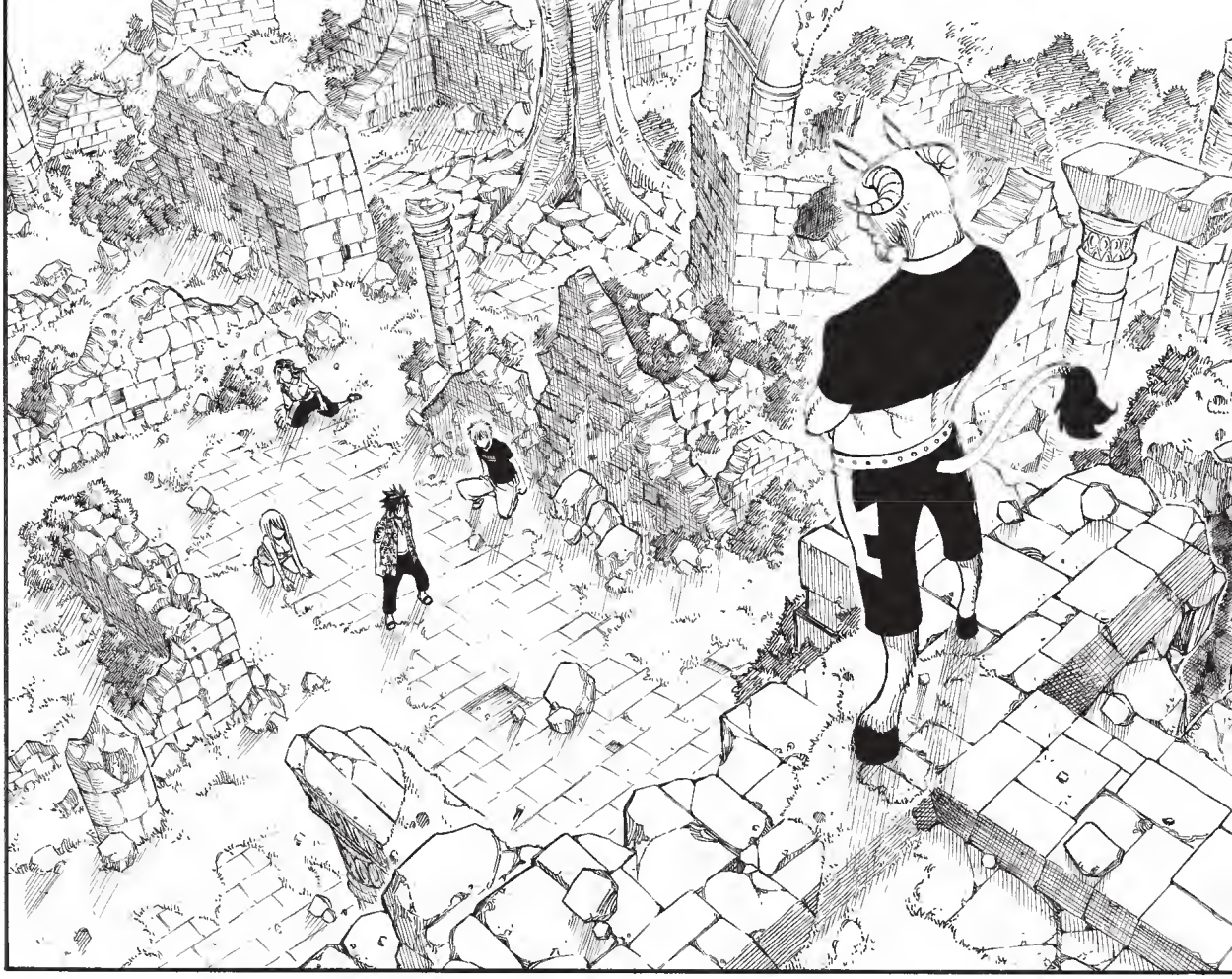

I want anyone equipped for battle to—
ZOOM
DMP

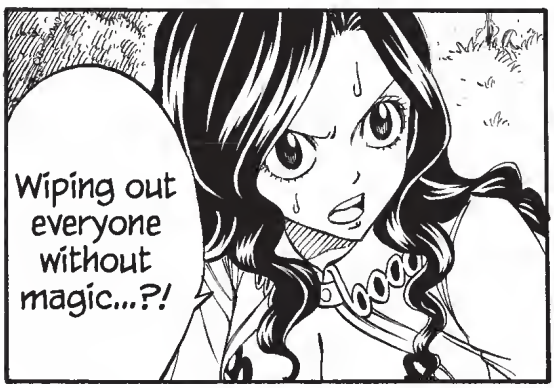

Proceed onto the island now!

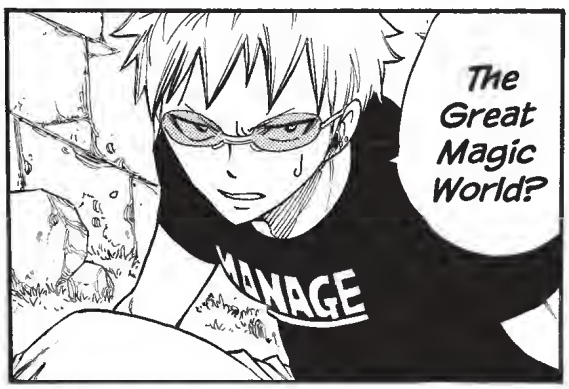
How'd you get those wounds ?!!
Doran-balt?!!
NEW MAGIC COUNCIL MEMBER
INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
DORANBALT (MEST)
We managed to save it. Just what *happened* here?!
Is the communications lacrima still okay?
I'd like to tell you everything's fine, but it'd be a lie. Fortunately there were no fatalities.
I'm fine. What's the damage to the ship?
A member of Grimoire Heart was responsible for the attack on the ship.
...are in a three-way free-for-all.
Fairy Tail, Grimoire Heart and Zeref the Black Wizard...

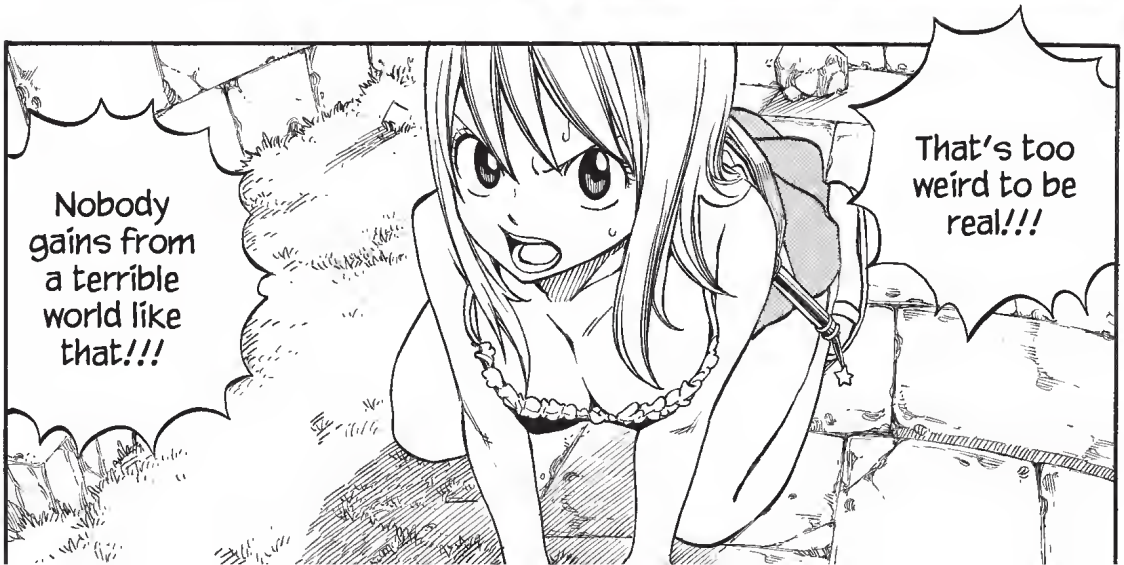

The three worst blights on the magic world, all here on the same island?!
If this is a coincidence, what're the odds...?!
I... I don't believe it...
I'm going to borrow the communications crystal. I have to tell headquarters about this!
WOBBLE
Chairman Grand Doma doesn't hesitate to condemn evildoers...
Does this mean the "forbidden flash of light" might fall once again...?
W-Wait a second! Yes, I know that the Council has Fairy Tail in its sights, but you can't lump them in with Zeref and Grimoire Heart!
We won't have any choice but to follow the orders of our superiors, right?
Etherion ?!!

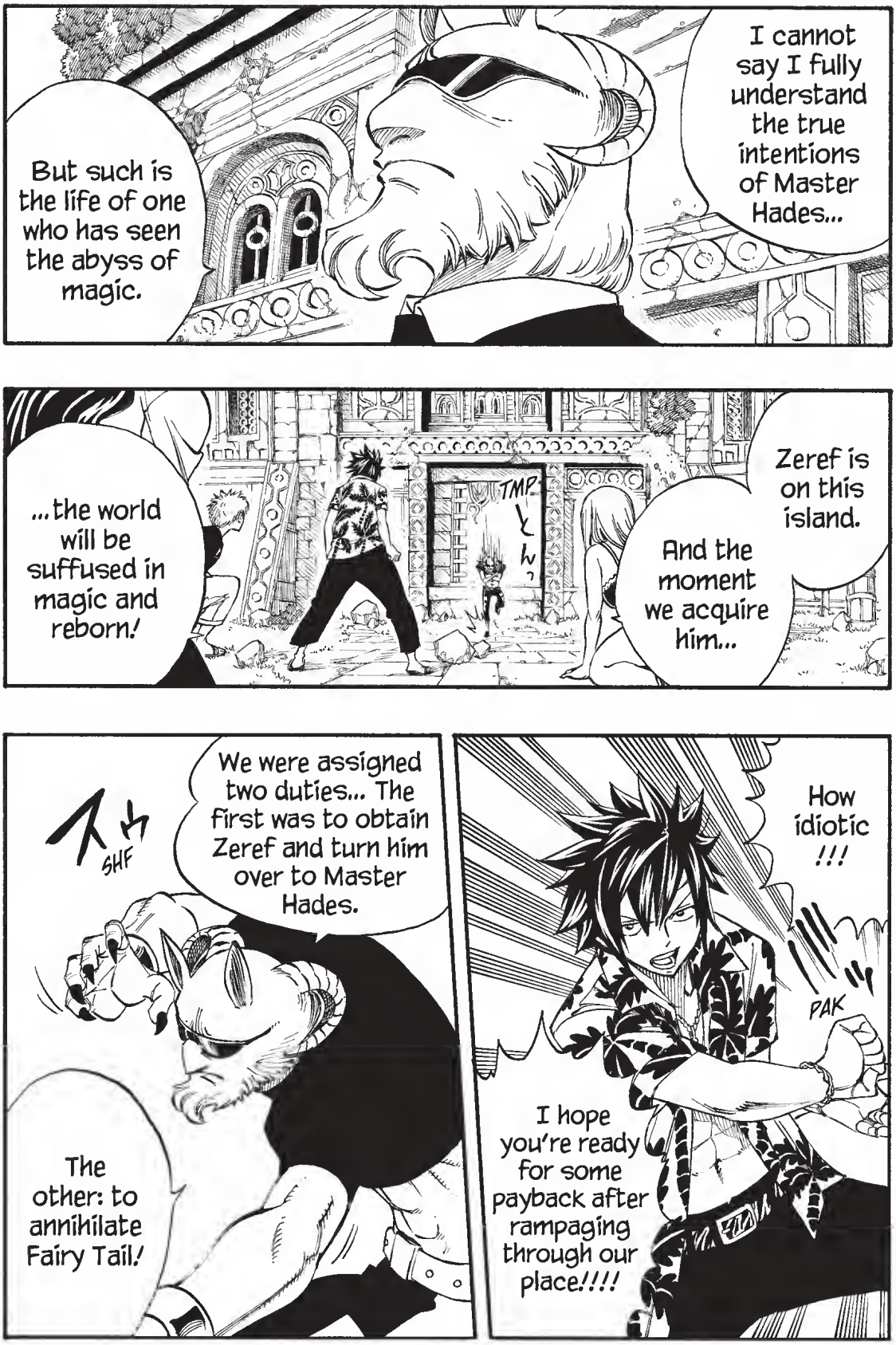

We are not the ones to decide that.
DAAAH!
Loke, here we go!!
At least hear him out...
HA HA
Go...
...report to HQ.

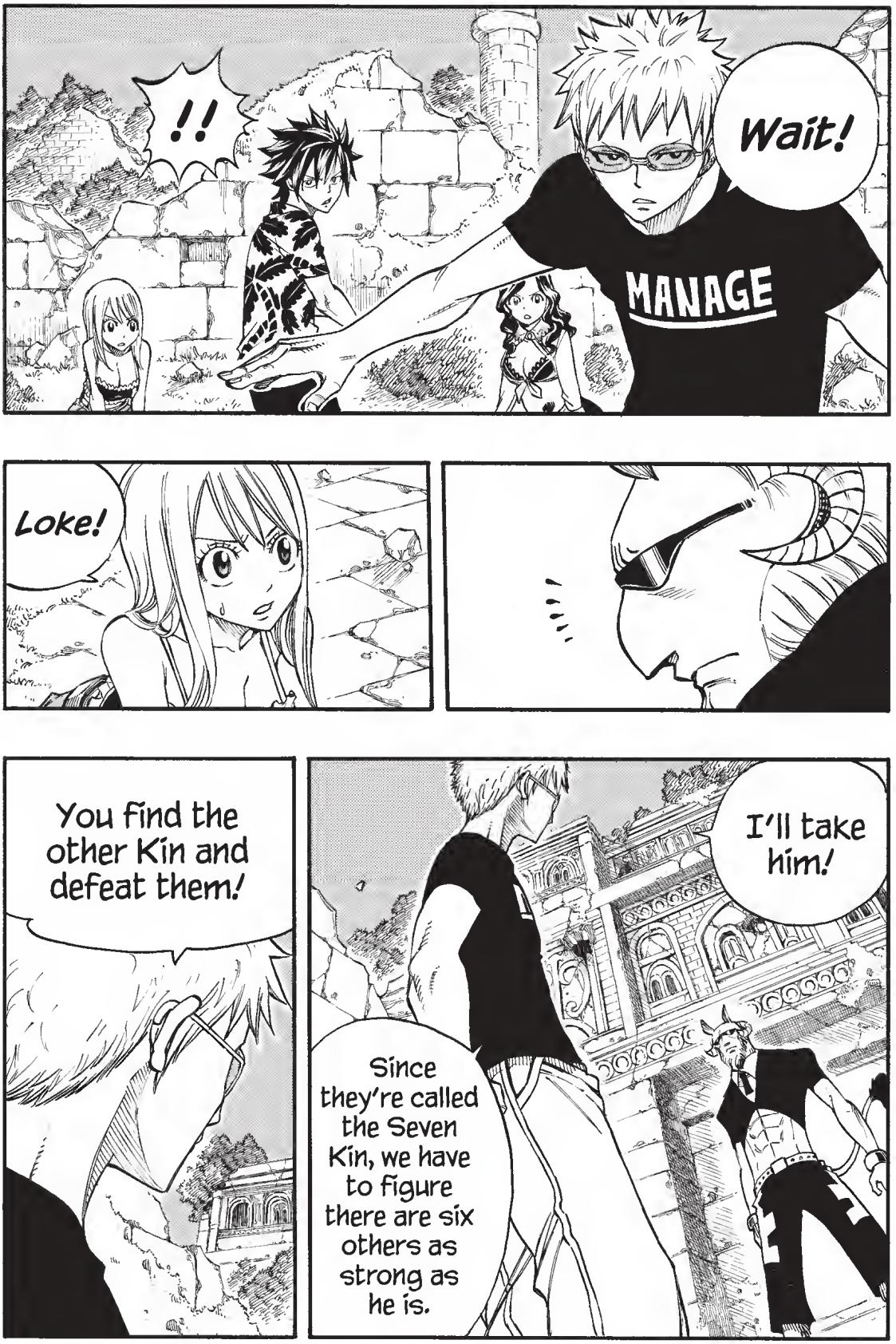



Wiping out everyone without magic...?!


The Great Magic World?


Nobody gains from a terrible world like that!!!
That's too weird to be real!!!


I cannot say I fully understand the true intentions of Master Hades...
But such is the life of one who has seen the abyss of magic.
Zeref is on this island.
And the moment we acquire him...
TMP
...the world will be suffused in magic and reborn!
We were assigned two duties... The first was to obtain Zeref and turn him over to Master Hades.
SHF
The other: to annihilate Fairy Tail!
How idiotic !!!
PAK
I hope you're ready for some payback after rampaging through our place!!!!


!!
Wait!
MANAGE
Loke!
You find the other Kin and defeat them!
I'll take him!
Since they're called the Seven Kin, we have to figure there are six others as strong as he is.

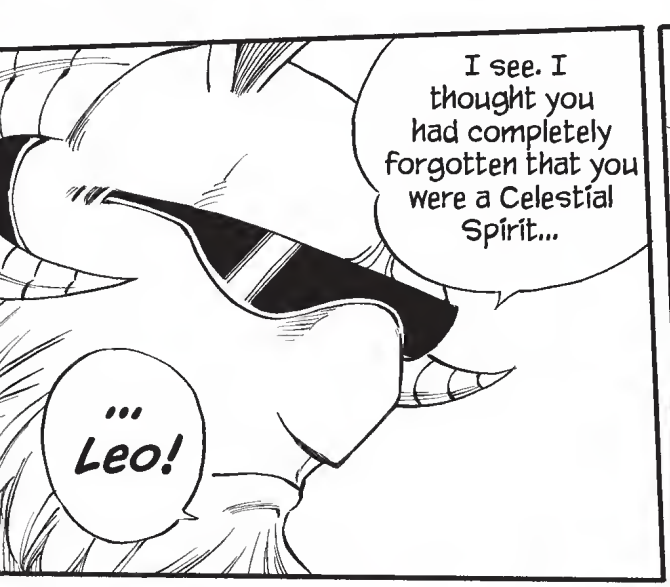
That's because of his magic.
What are you talking about?!! We could hardly touch this guy as a team of four!!
It's an old type called Human Subordination Magic!
VOOM
It's also called King's Magic.
It's a magic that temporarily lowers humans' fighting and magical abilities!
"Human Subordination"...

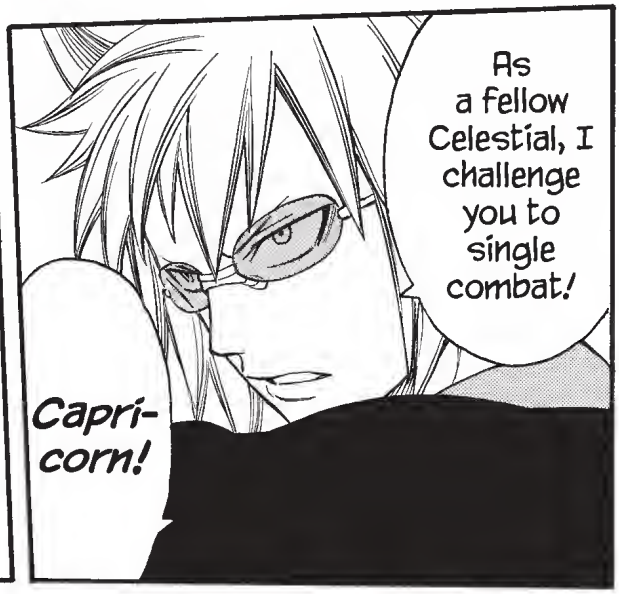
But it doesn't work on a Celestial Spirit like me!
BUOOH

...he's a spirit too! Capricorn of the Caprine Palace!
And you may have already noticed, but...

Please, don't say a word!
Then—
A Celestial Spirit ?!!
What ?!

FSH
ヒリ
ニリ


I see. I thought you had completely forgotten that you were a Celestial Spirit...
... Leo!


As a fellow Celestial, I challenge you to single combat!
Capri-corn!

Hey —!
We gotta leave this to him!
We can't fight the guy while he's suppressing our magic power!
A!! DMP!

I hate to say it, but Loke's got it right.
But...
The rest of you... Go, please!

FLINCH
Go now !!!!
If it's a fight between Celestial Spirits, then I have to—
Then there's gotta be some connection here we're missing. Let him go, Lucy!
I've almost never heard him raise his voice!
SKRRT
Loke !!
You trust him, right?

You had better come back to me, got that?!!!
You have to!!!!
HEART KREUZ
!
That girl...
Regulus, king of light, give me strength...
FLASH

Ngah!
BLAM
DOKOOM

GWATH!
DWOOM
Seven-teen.
How many years has it been since you vanished from the Celestial World?!
Bah! I have no owner!
I am the humans' master!
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
To be able to manifest yourself for that long...
Just who is your owner?
GYUUM

GWIP
GWIP
GWIP
GWIP
GWIP
!!
Open!!! Hero of Rubengard !!!
SUN ZHAO XIN!!!!
ZLAT

In the Revolution of Rubengard of X779, General Sun Zhao Xin was the young hero who led the anti-government forces.
SHUUU...
Wh-What was that ...?!
According to official records, he vanished just following the war.
Bah! He actually became my subordinate!
You took a human ...?!
You can summon humans ...?!
And now, I think we should discuss your owner.
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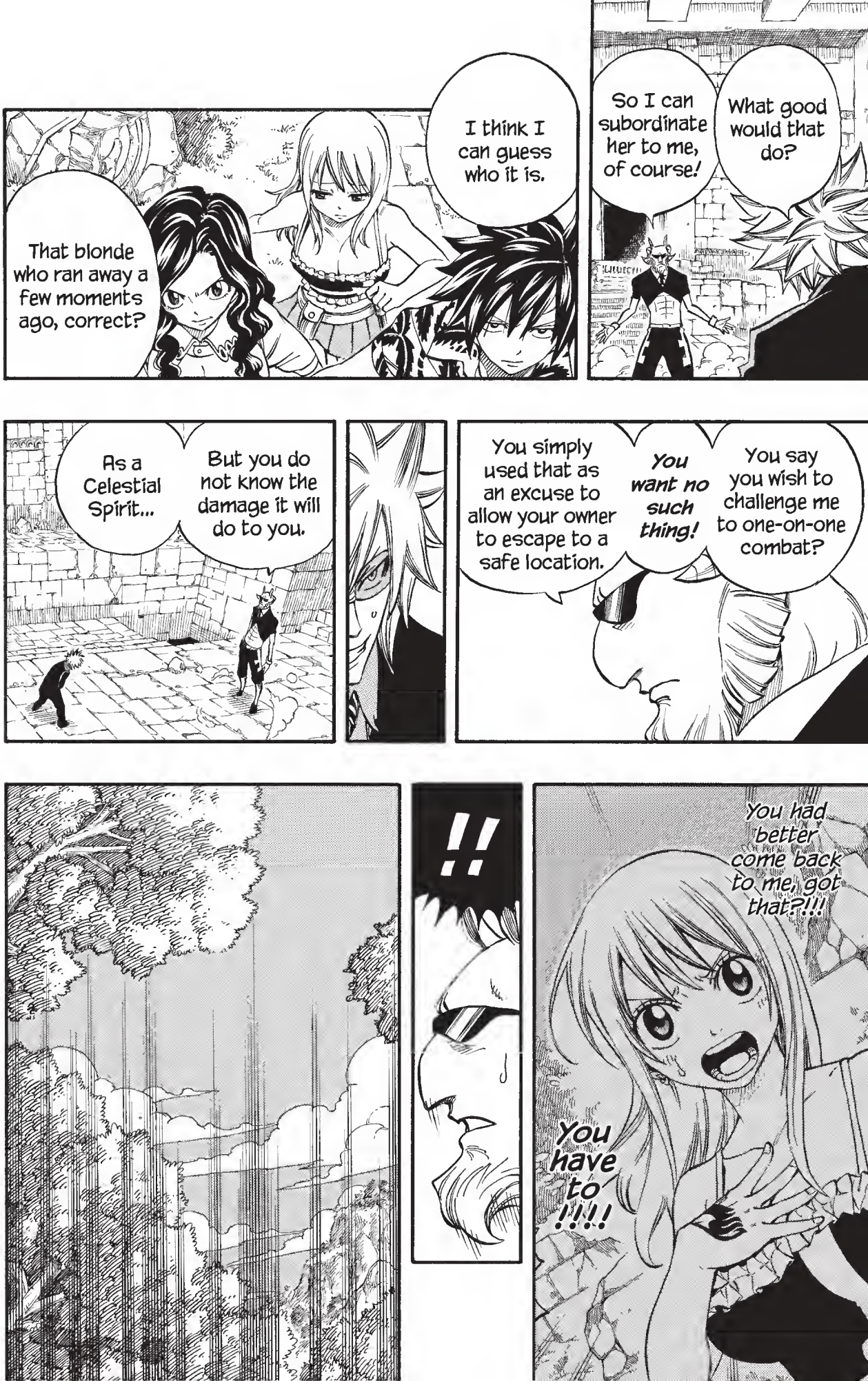
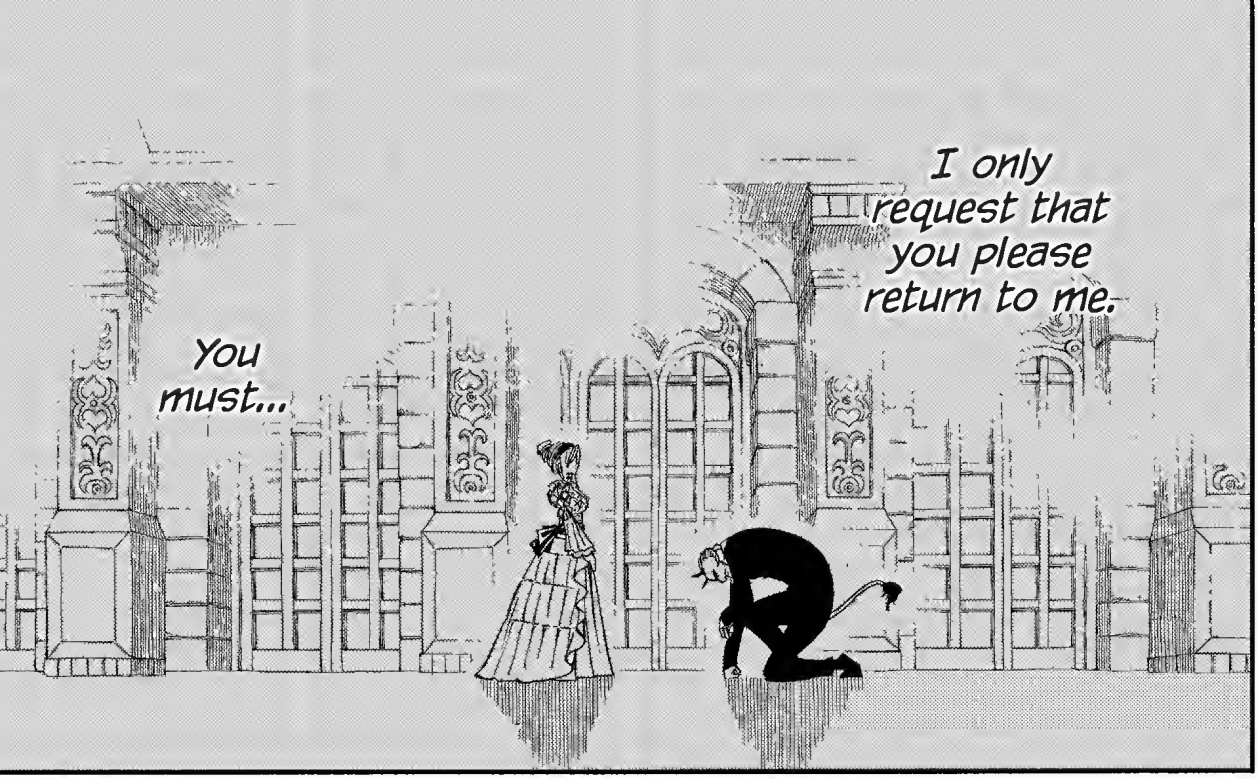
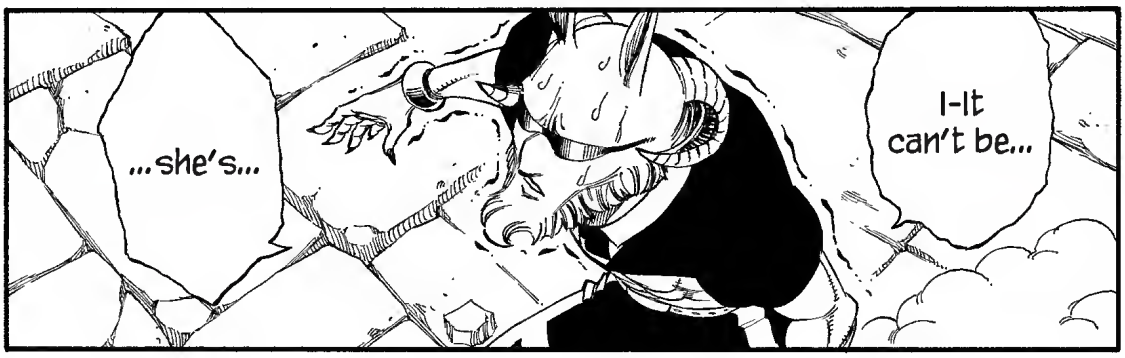

That blonde who ran away a few moments ago, correct?
I think I can guess who it is.
So I can subordinate her to me, of course!
What good would that do?
As a Celestial Spirit...
But you do not know the damage it will do to you.
You simply used that as an excuse to allow your owner to escape to a safe location.
You want no such thing!
You say you wish to challenge me to one-on-one combat?
!!
You had better come back to me, got that?!!!
You have to!!!!

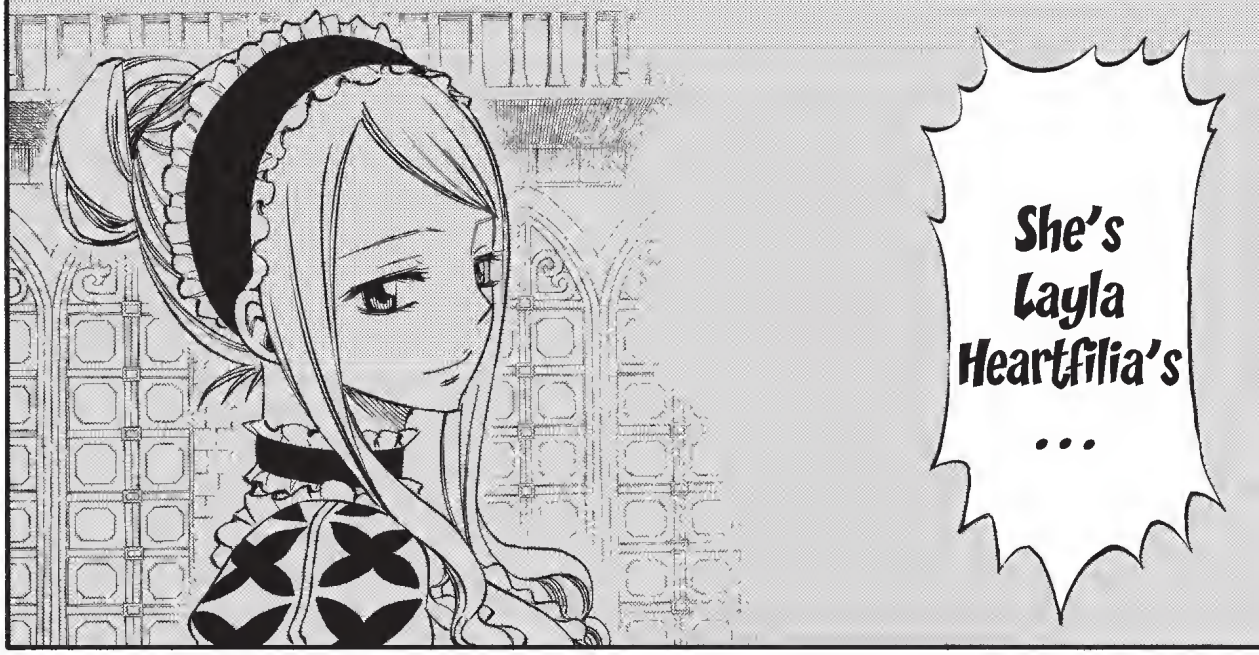

I only request that you please return to me.
You must...

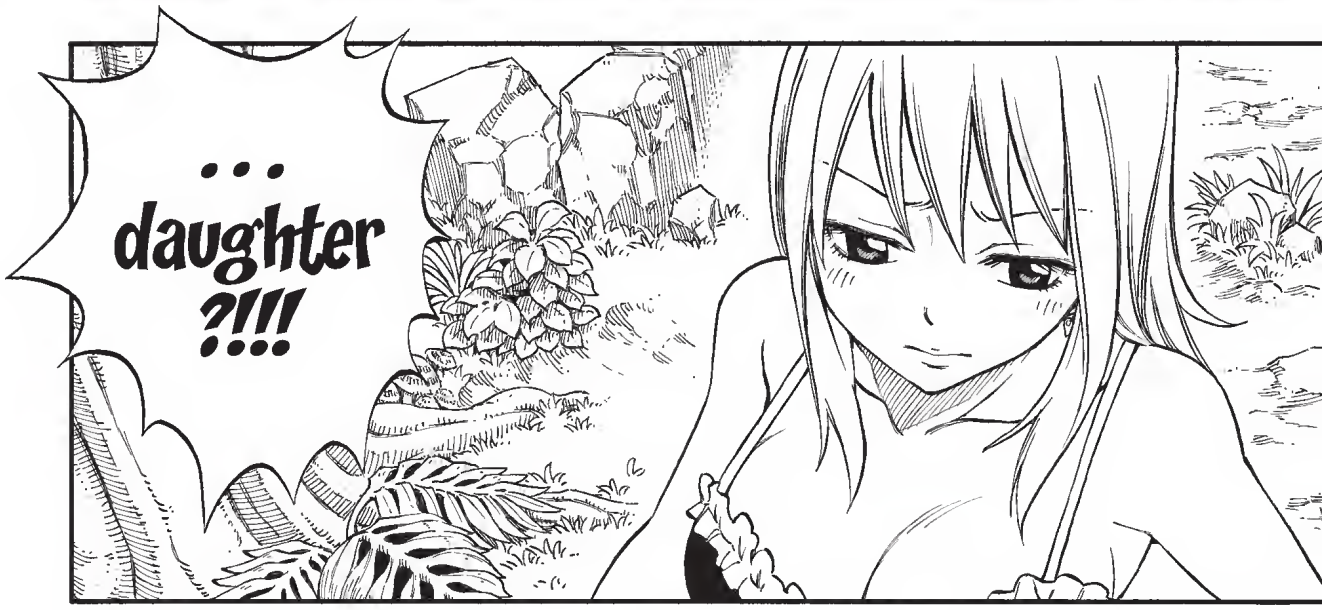

...she's...
I-It can't be...

That girl ...!!!

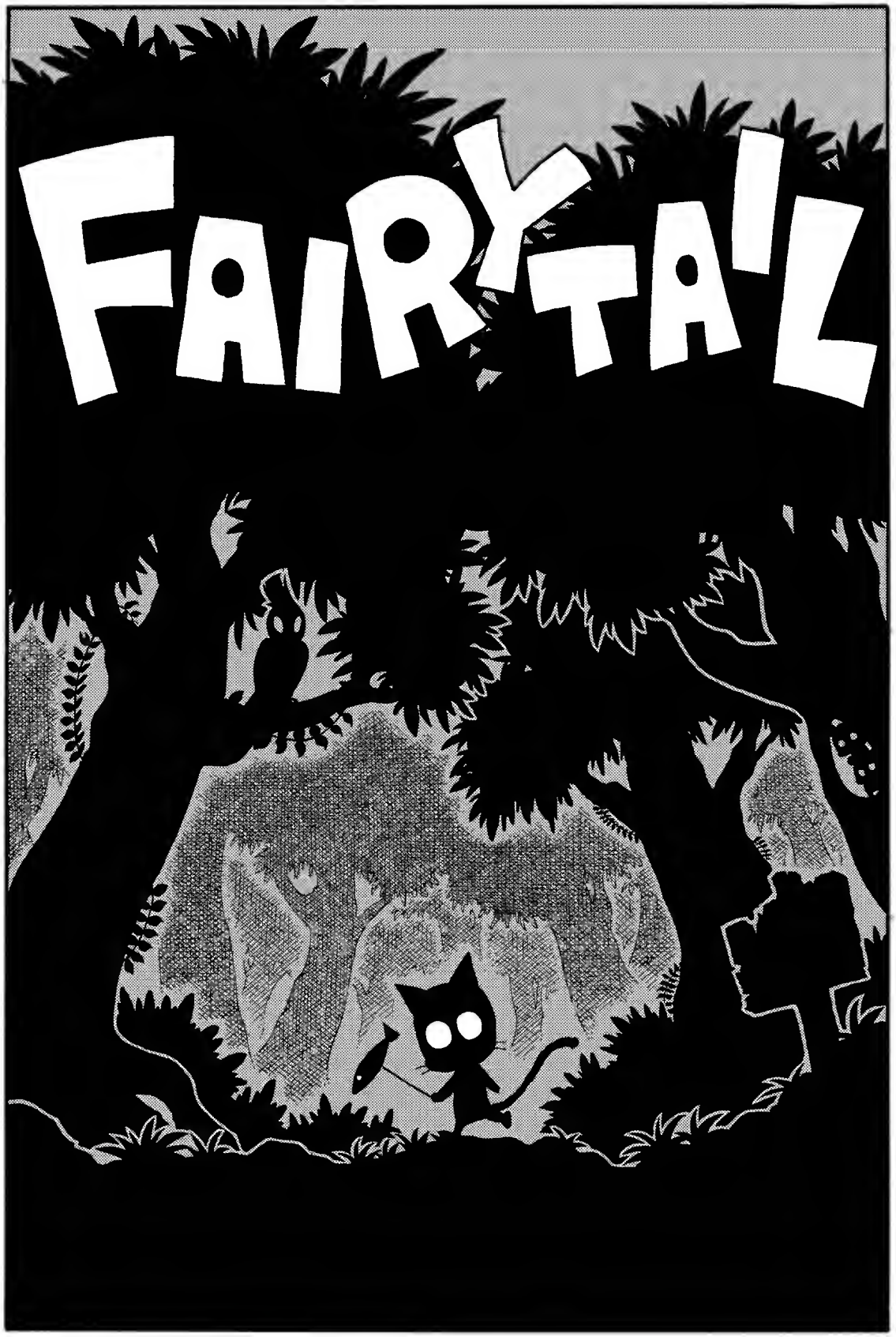
That's why you sent her away !!!!
Away from me...

He figured it out ?!!


She's Layla Heartfilia's ...


... daughter ?!!!

Where is she ?!!
She can't be allowed to live!!!!
Dammit ...!!!!



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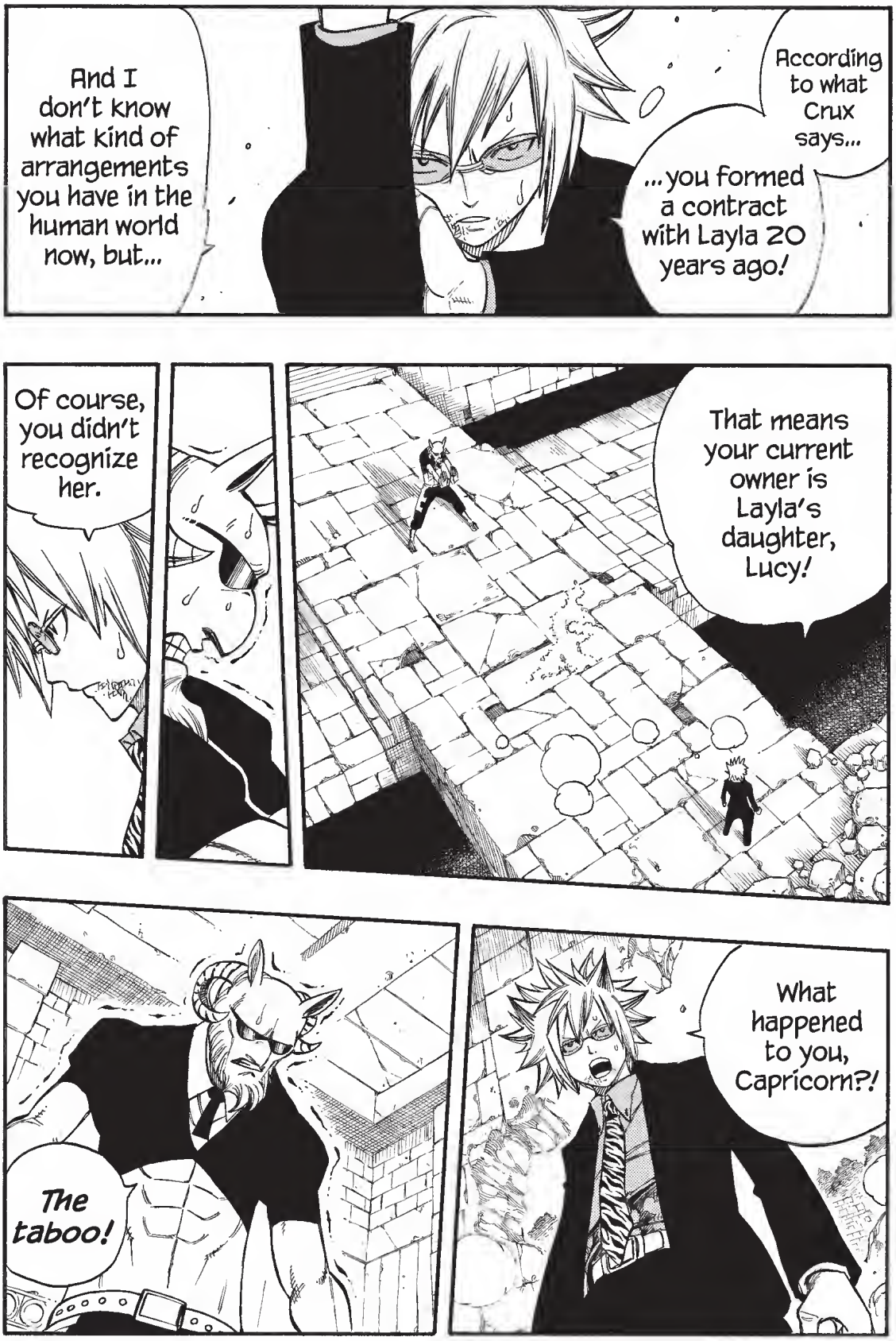
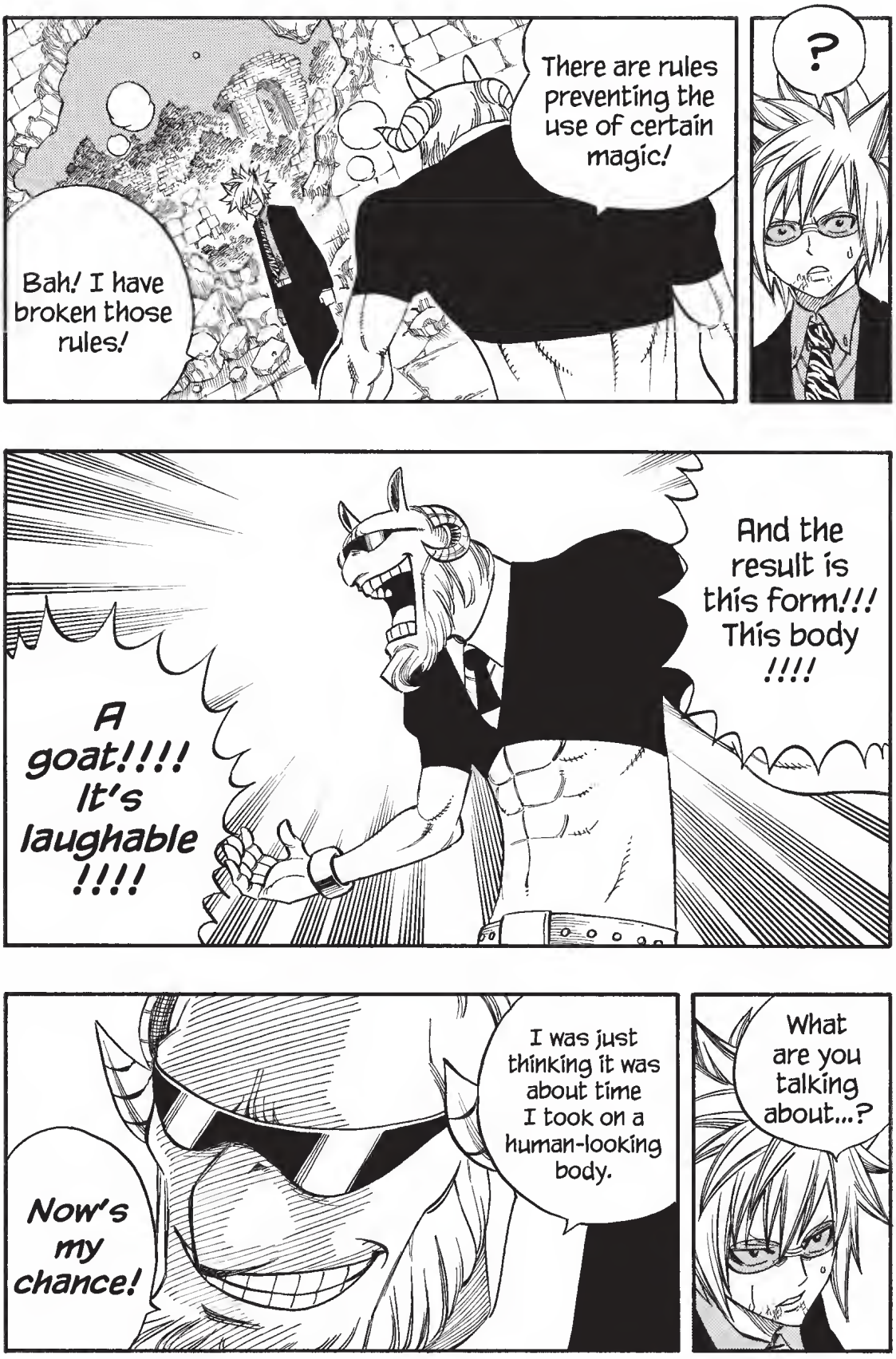
As long as that girl lives...
...I will...
BWOON
Sama-gui !!!!
Open!!! Hunter of Bel Paraso !!!!
SHUM
Hunt down Layla's daughter !!!!
YES, SIR!!

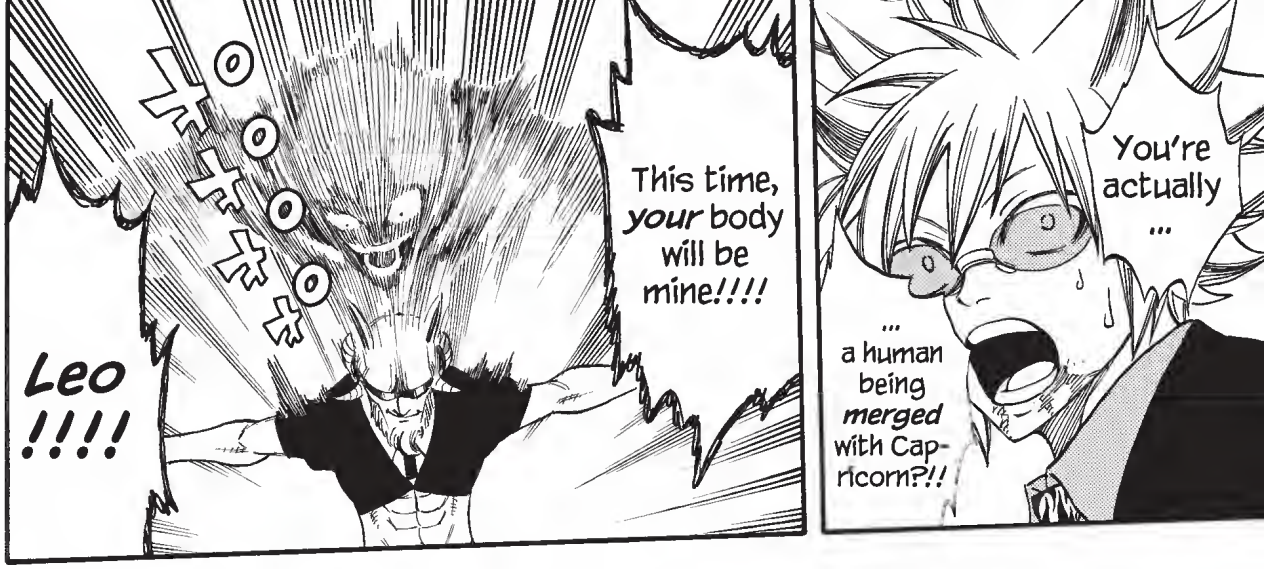
KAFOOM
Gwoh!
No one's going anywhere !!!
!
WHOOSH
Out of my way !!!!

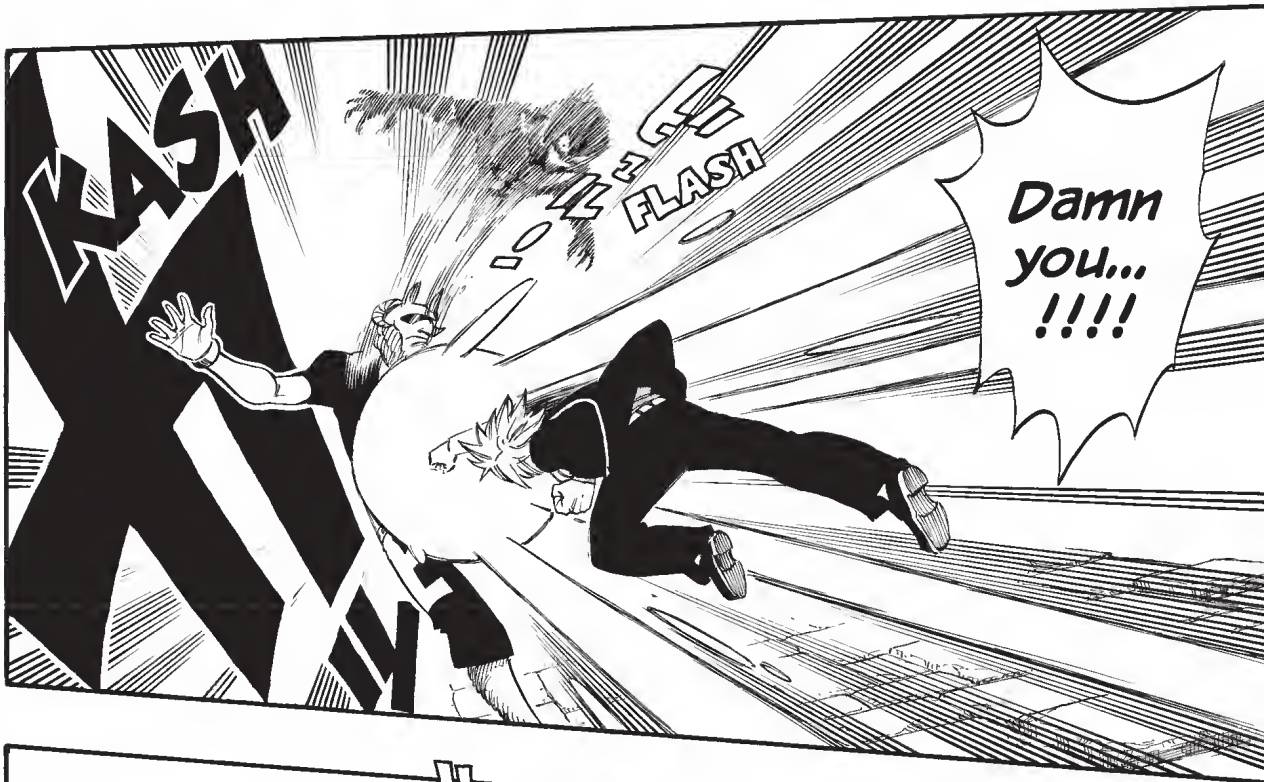
FLASH


And I don't know what kind of arrangements you have in the human world now, but...
According to what Crux says...
...you formed a contract with Layla 20 years ago!
Of course, you didn't recognize her.
That means your current owner is Layla's daughter, Lucy!
The taboo!
What happened to you, Capricorn?!

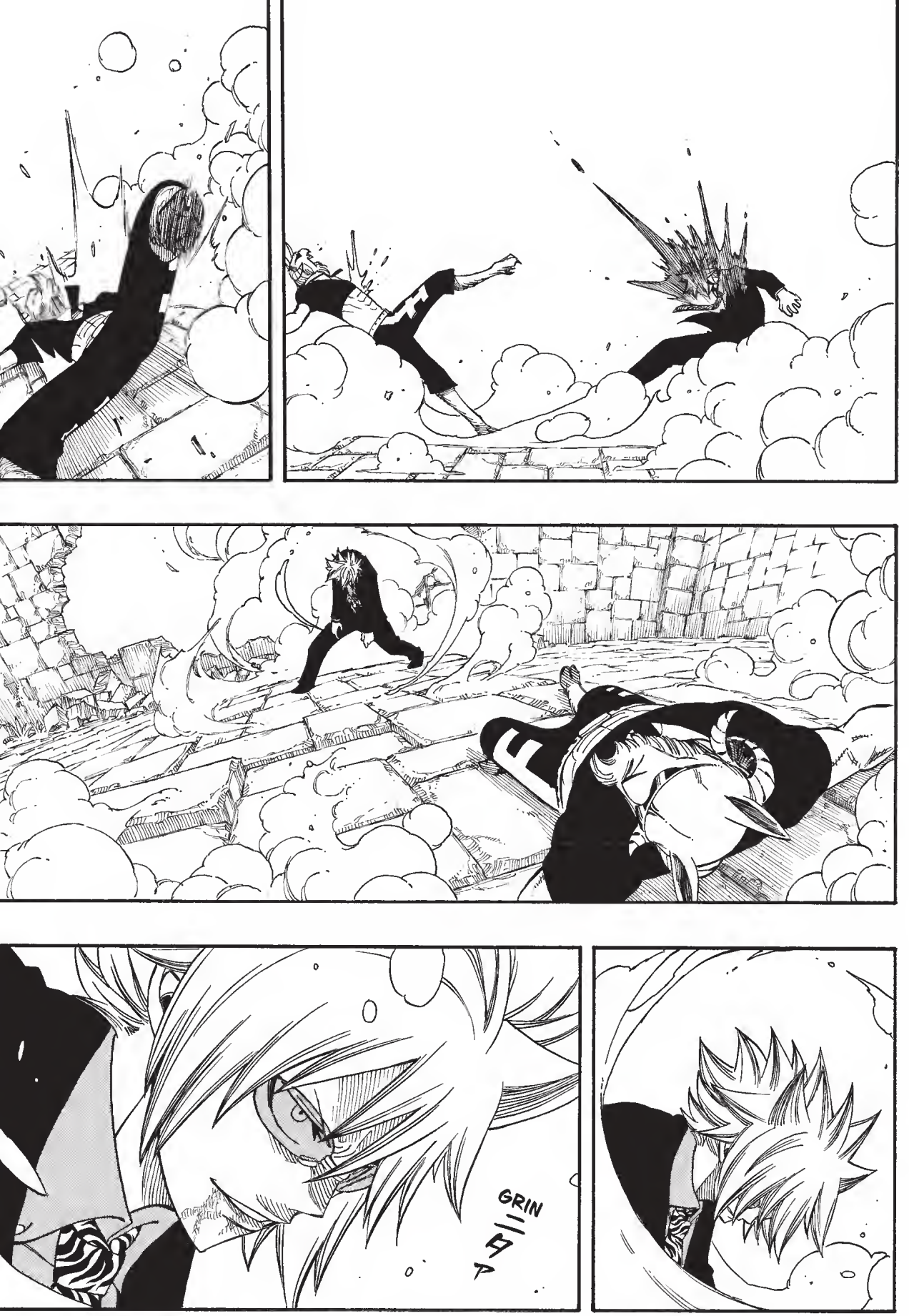

There are rules preventing the use of certain magic!
Bah! I have broken those rules!
?
And the result is this form!!! This body !!!!
A goat!!!! It's laughable !!!!
I was just thinking it was about time I took on a human-looking body.
Now's my chance!
What are you talking about...?

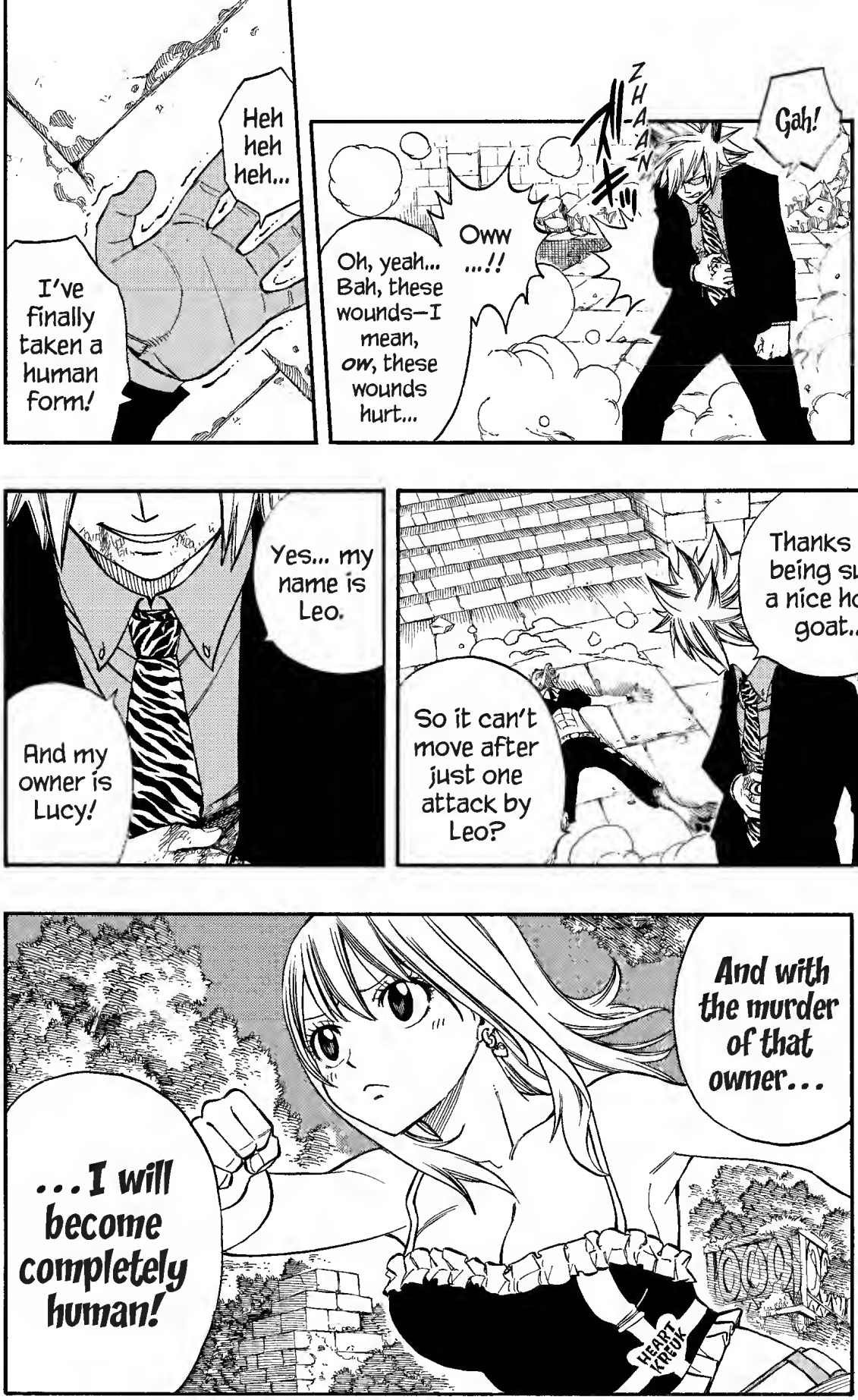
I'm a Celestial Spirit, so that doesn't work on me.
HUMAN SUBORDINATION MAGIC: HUMA RAISE!
It is forbidden to use this magic on anything other than humans!
Yes... And thus it is taboo!
Merge with that being!
Y-You're kidding...
You don't mean...
I've broken that taboo...
WHAP


You're actually ...
... a human being merged with Capricorn?!!
This time, your body will be mine!!!!
Leo !!!!


KASH
FLASH
Damn you... !!!!

Too slow.
Now you're mine !!
GWLP
Gaaah !!!!

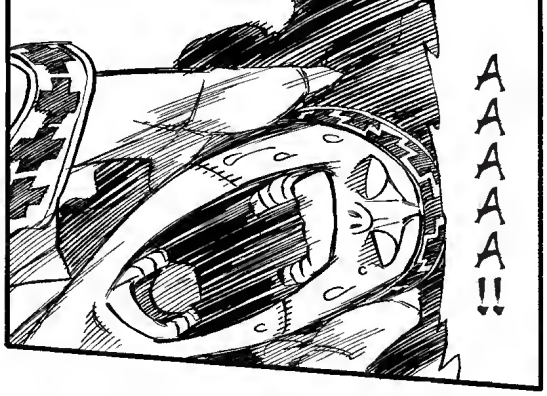

GRIN
ニヤア

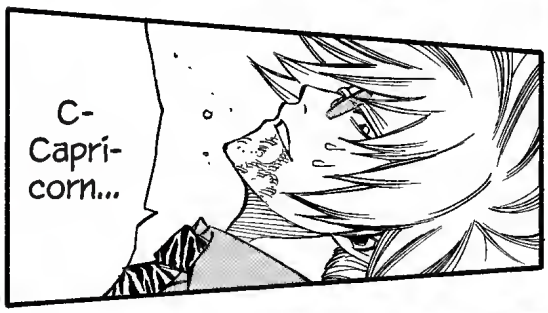

Heh heh heh...
I've finally taken a human form!
ZHAAN
Gah!
Oww ...!!
Oh, yeah... Bah, these wounds—I mean, ow, these wounds hurt...
Yes... my name is Leo.
And my owner is Lucy!
Thanks for being such a nice host, goat...
So it can't move after just one attack by Leo?
And with the murder of that owner...
...I will become completely human!
HEART KREUK

That's right! Lucy trusts this form intrinsically. So an ambush is the right move.
Or maybe I'll just make her into a subordinate and have some fun... She's as beautiful as Layla was!

Huh?
BO
OM
!!

Wh-What is this?!!
Think of it as... the full power of Regulus.
...Zoldio.
I-If you use that name...!!


AAAAA!!


C-Capri-corn...

I apolo-gize for the ex-cessive force.

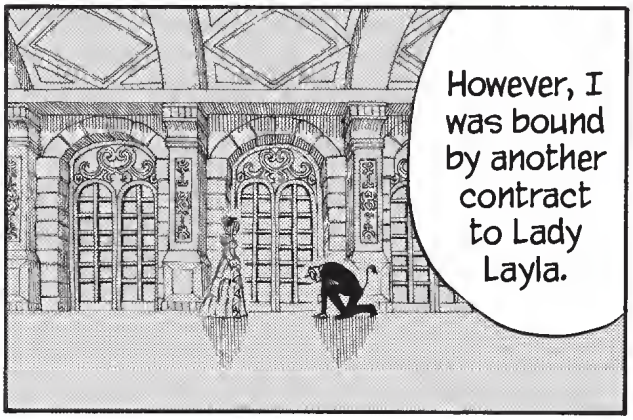
No... It's okay... Without that much power, you could never have separated us.

KABLAAM
GWAAAHHH!!!

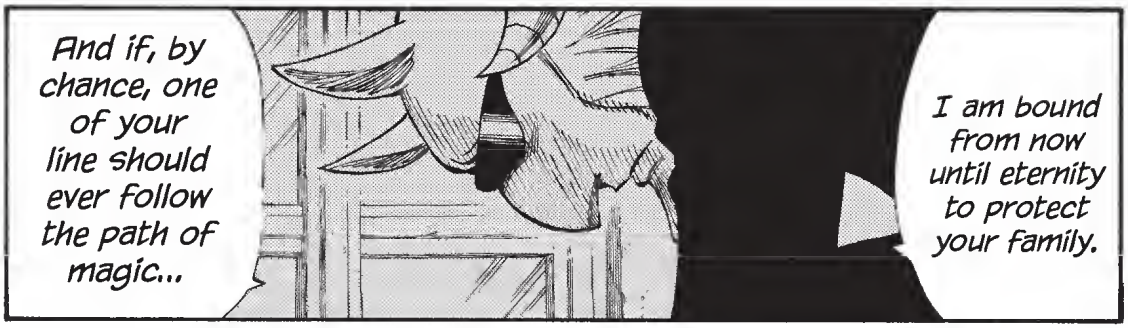
Capri-corn!
Wh-Why...? How can you move...?!
SPLAT
...I took Regulus from Sir Leo.
Just prior to the fusion between Zoldio and Sir Leo...
Th-That was you transferring power ...?!
KASH

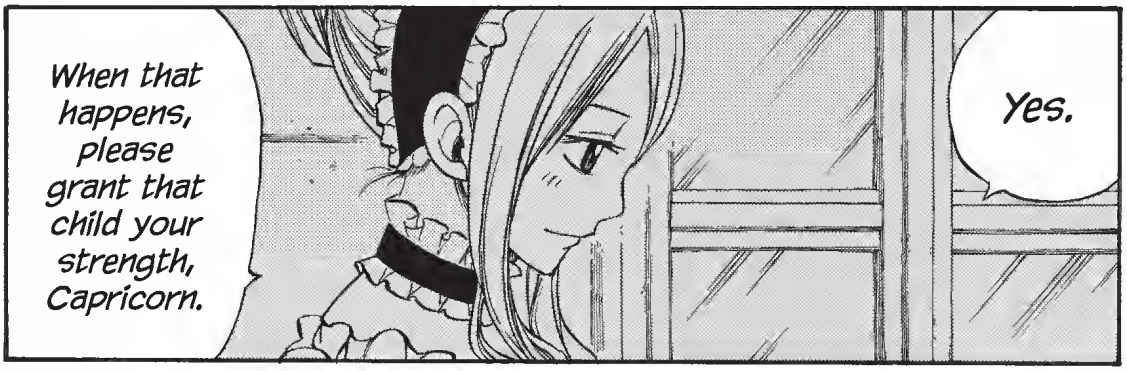
Dammit !!!!
Stop it!
I don't want to vanish!
No ...!
What's going on here...
M-My body...
But wait... !!!!
I'm finally in my own body...
It happened twenty years ago.
Lady Layla suffered a physical breakdown that forced her to retire as a wizard.
WAAAAHH!!
PSHT

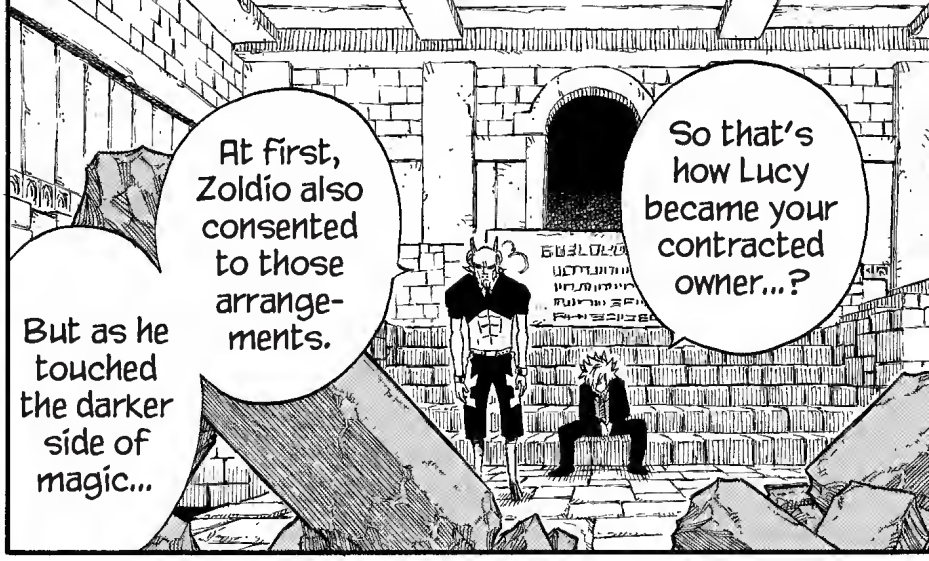
...were split among three people in her employ.
As a result, her three spirits: myself, Aquarius and Cancer...


However, I was bound by another contract to Lady Layla.

My key was given to one of them, a man named Zoldio.


And if, by chance, one of your line should ever follow the path of magic...
I am bound from now until eternity to protect your family.

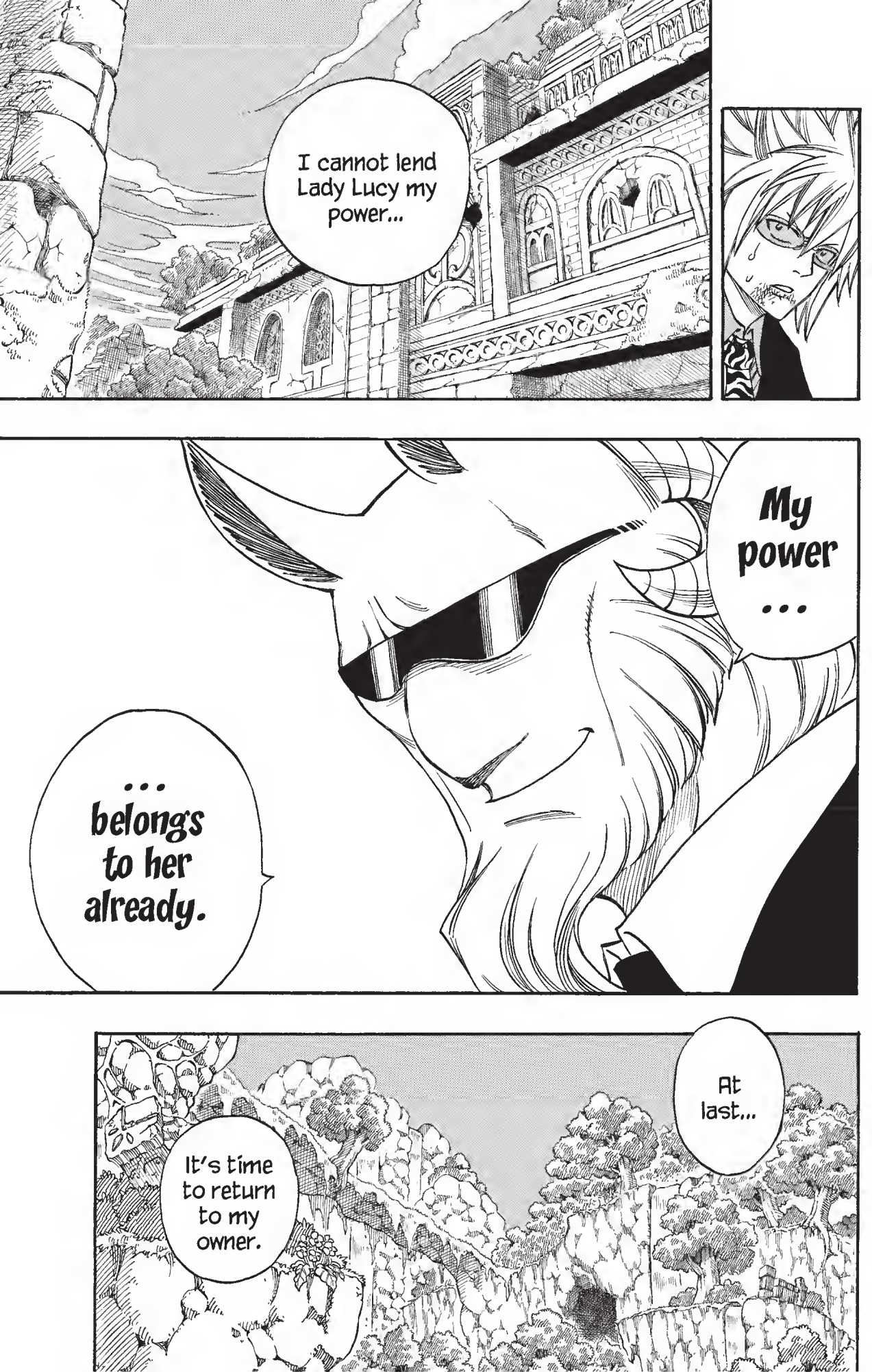

When that happens, please grant that child your strength, Capricorn.
Yes.


So that's how Lucy became your contracted owner...?
At first, Zoldio also consented to those arrangements.
But as he touched the darker side of magic...

Well? What is Lucy to you now?

So you're willing to lend her your power?
Bah! No.

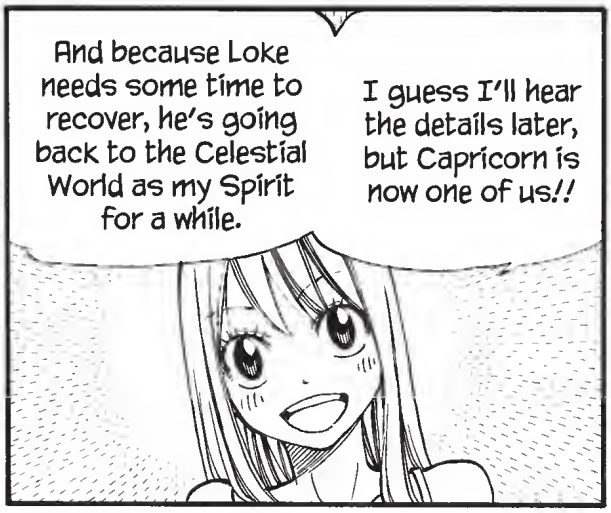
She is still Lady Layla's daughter.
I know very well how much she loves the celestial spirits, and is loved by them in return.

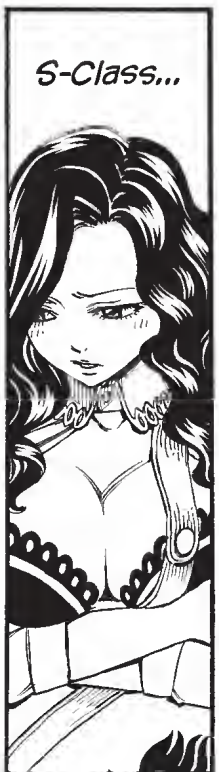

I cannot lend Lady Lucy my power...
My power...
...belongs to her already.
At last...
It's time to return to my owner.

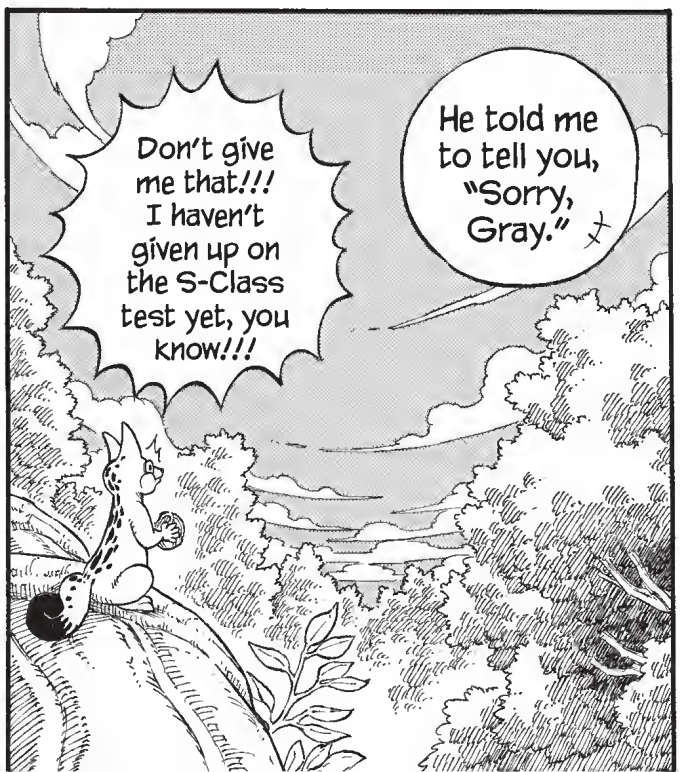
Should have expected that!
Yeah !!
He won!! Loke won the battle!!

PI-KOON

I see... He's been using his own magic power to stay in the human world all this time, huh?


And because Loke needs some time to recover, he's going back to the Celestial World as my Spirit for a while.
I guess I'll hear the details later, but Capricorn is now one of us!!

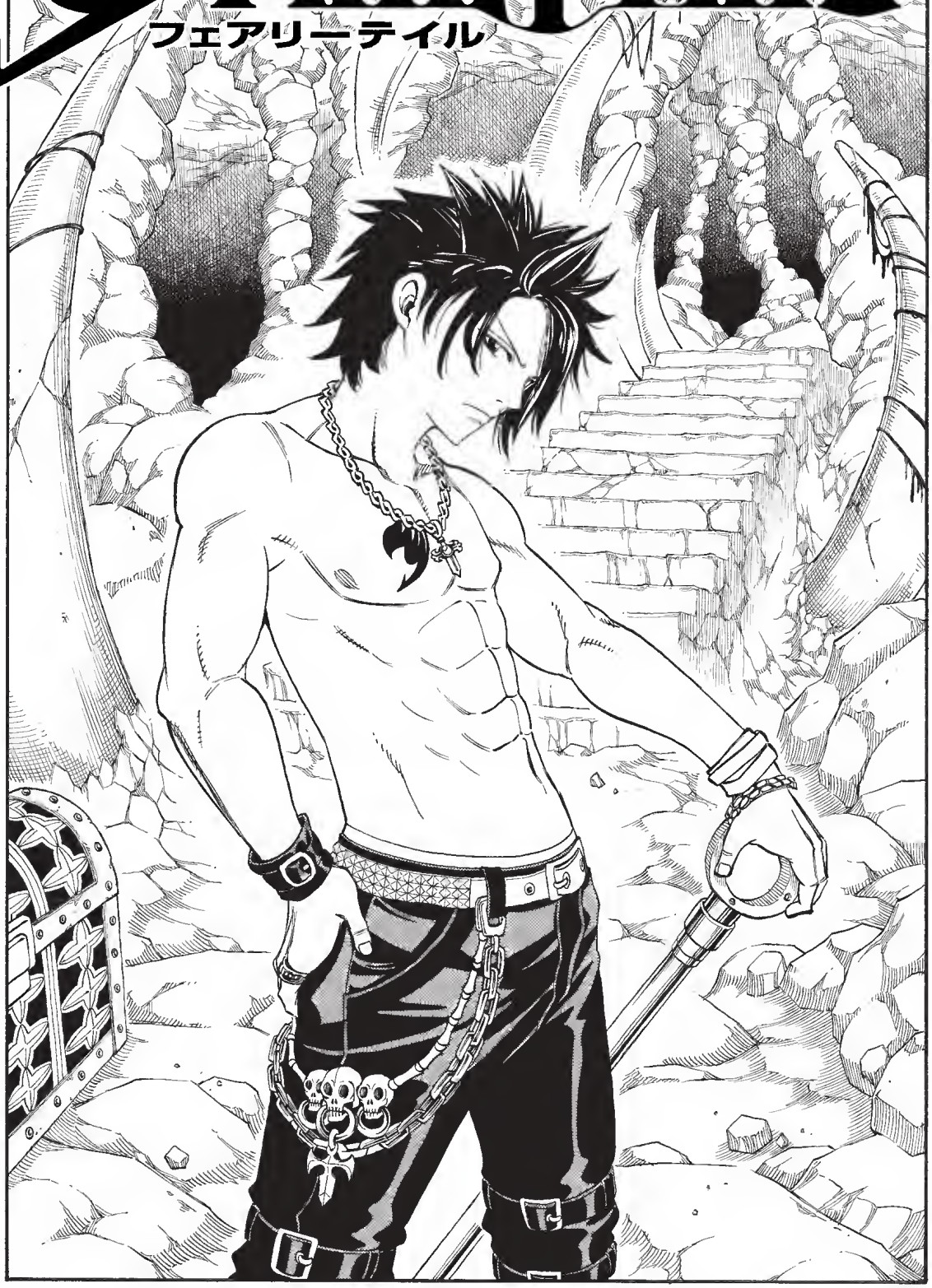

S-Class...


Don't give me that!!! I haven't given up on the S-Class test yet, you know!!!
He told me to tell you, "Sorry, Gray."

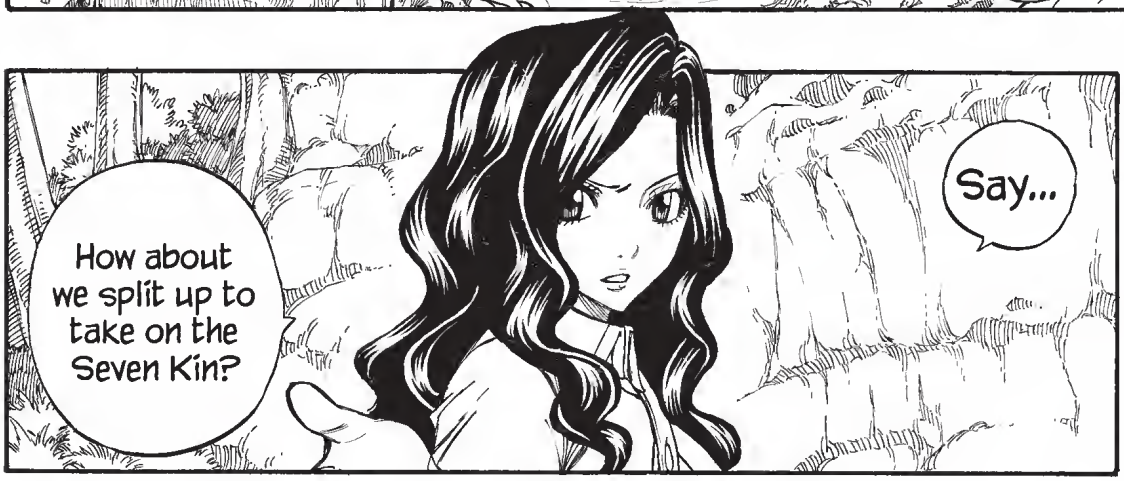
Wait a second!! He's my partner!!! What'll that mean for me?!!!
GWAAA

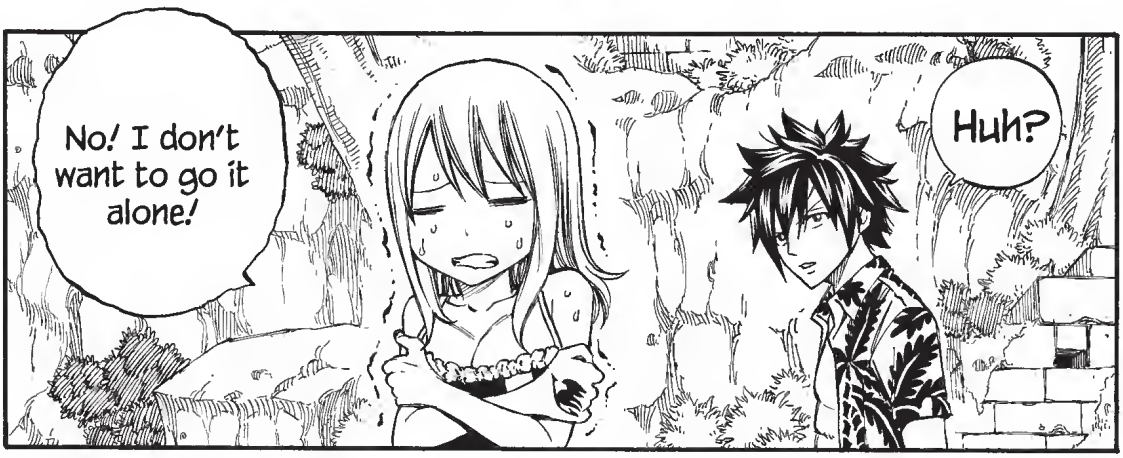
FAIRY TAIL

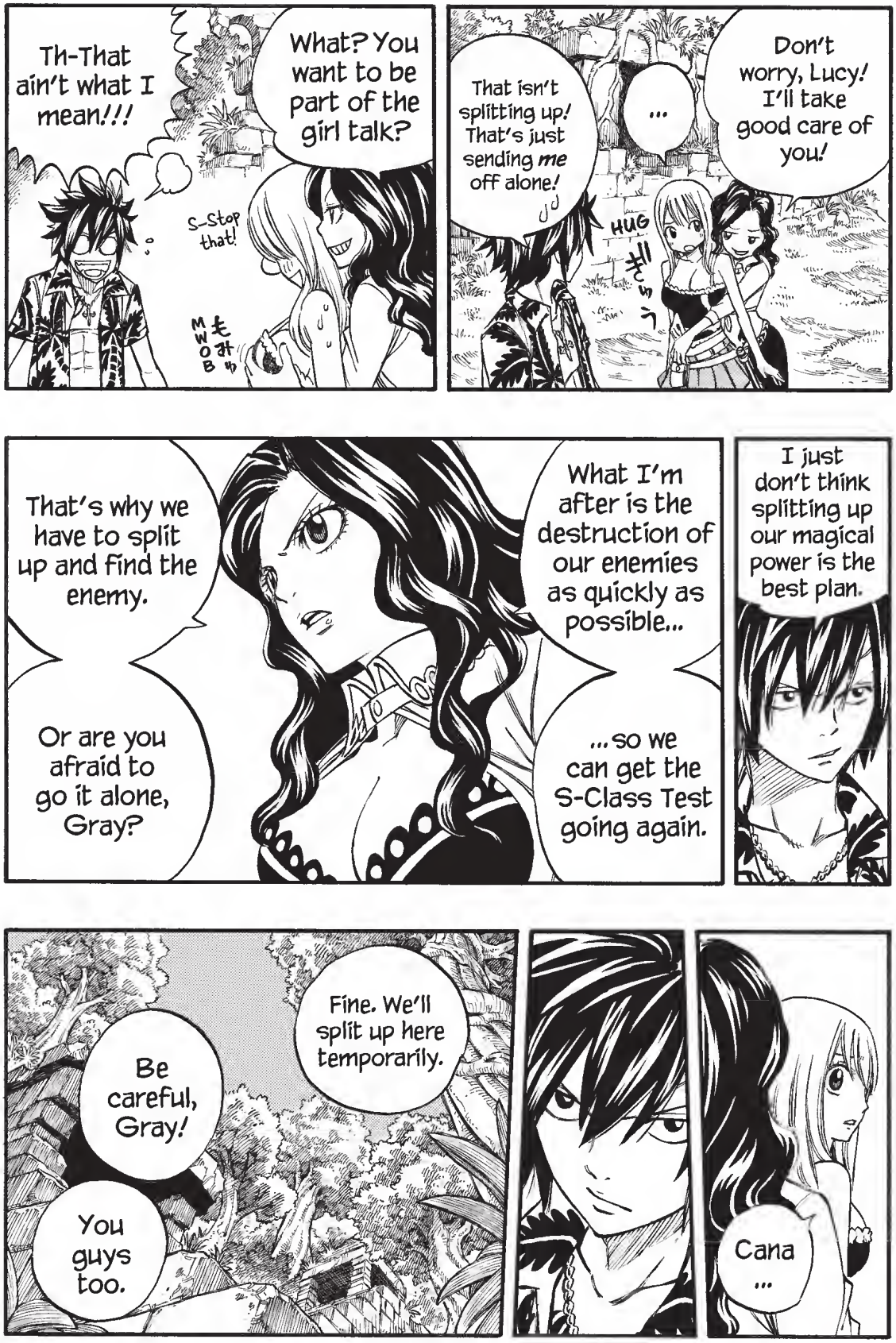
フェアリーテイル

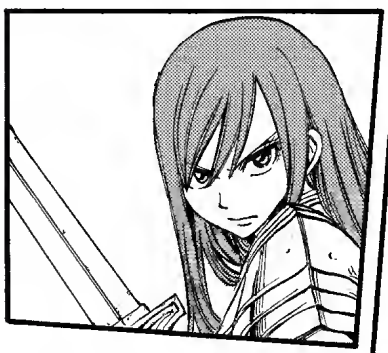


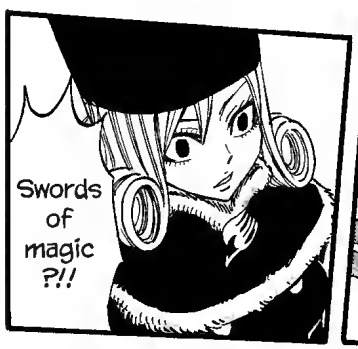
Chapter 225: The Open Seam

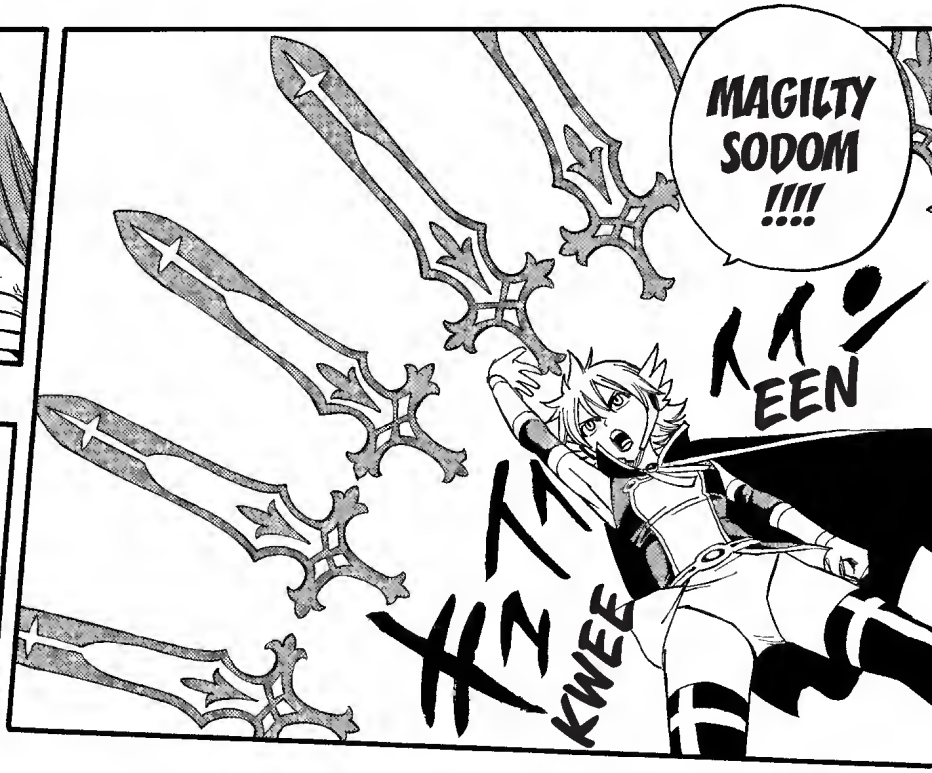

Say...
How about we split up to take on the Seven Kin?


Huh?
No! I don't want to go it alone!

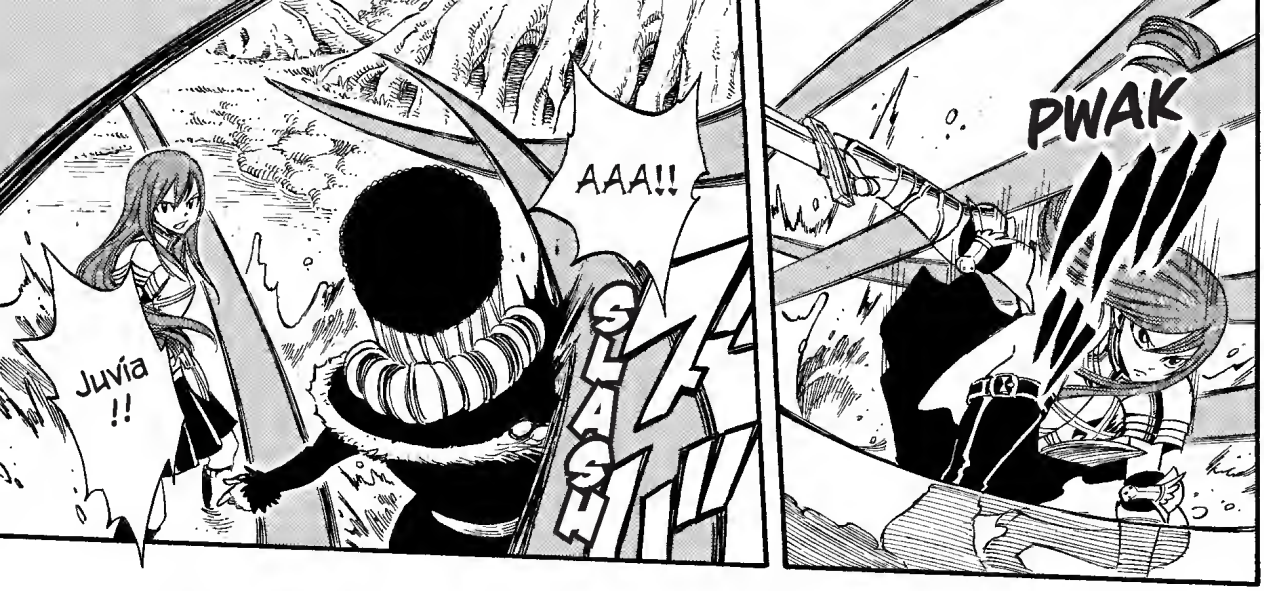

Th-That ain't what I mean!!!
What? You want to be part of the girl talk?
S-Stop that!
MWOB
もぎゅ
That isn't splitting up! That's just sending me off alone!
...
Don't worry, Lucy! I'll take good care of you!
HUG
ぎゅっ
That's why we have to split up and find the enemy.
Or are you afraid to go it alone, Gray?
What I'm after is the destruction of our enemies as quickly as possible...
...so we can get the S-Class Test going again.
I just don't think splitting up our magical power is the best plan.
Be careful, Gray!
You guys too.
Fine. We'll split up here temporarily.
Cana
...



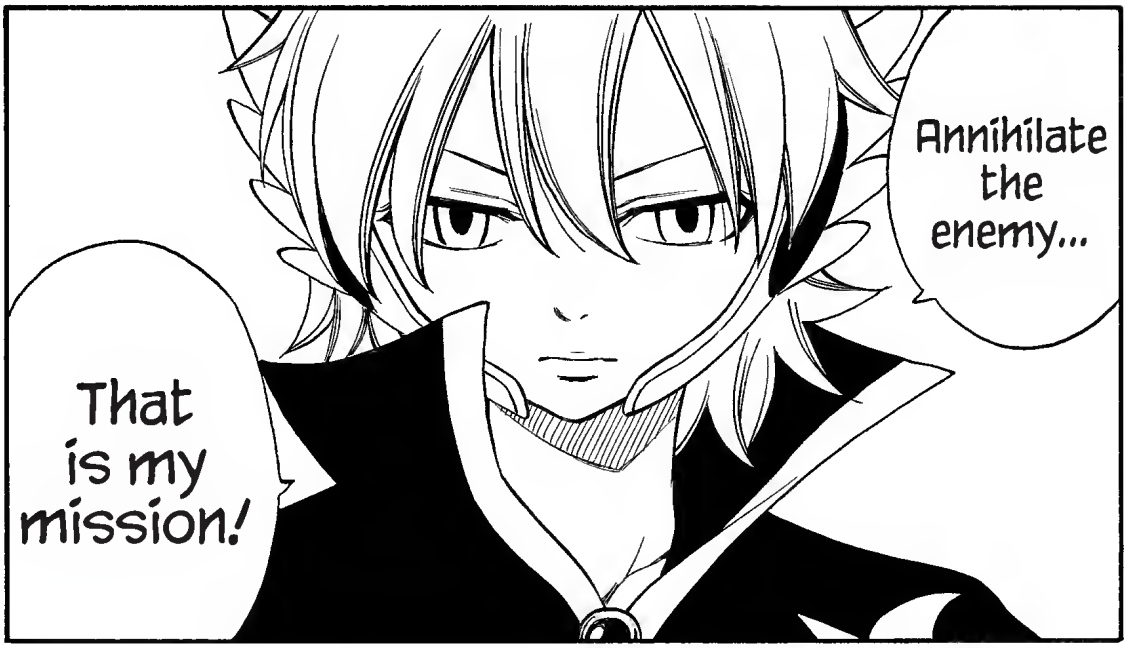

Swords of magic ?!!


MAGILTY SODOM !!!!
KWEE
EEN

DM
DM
DM
DM
Kh!
Urk!
Go!

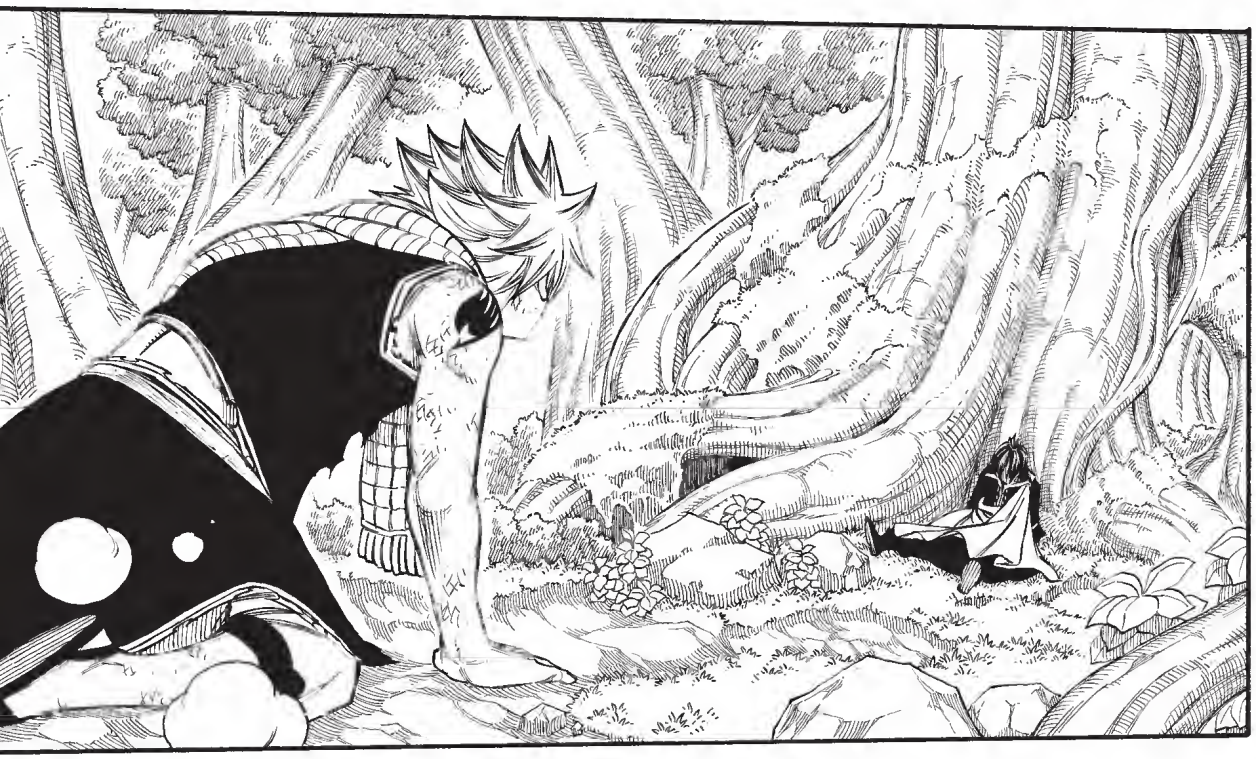

Juvia !!
AAA!!
SLASH!!!
PWAK

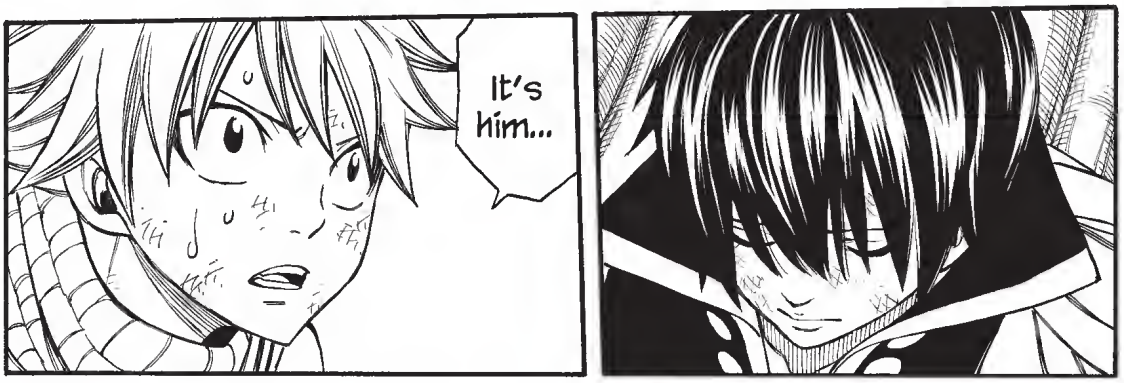
This magic power ...
Who is this girl?!
The swords...
... damaged Juvia's body of water?


Annihilate the enemy...
That is my mission!

DM
DM
DM
DM
SLIP
Ngah!
Wait up, Natsu!!
DMP DMP
This way! I can smell him!!
DMP DMP
Natsu!
HISSSSS

ACK!
He gets sick even sliding on fallen leaves?
Urp!



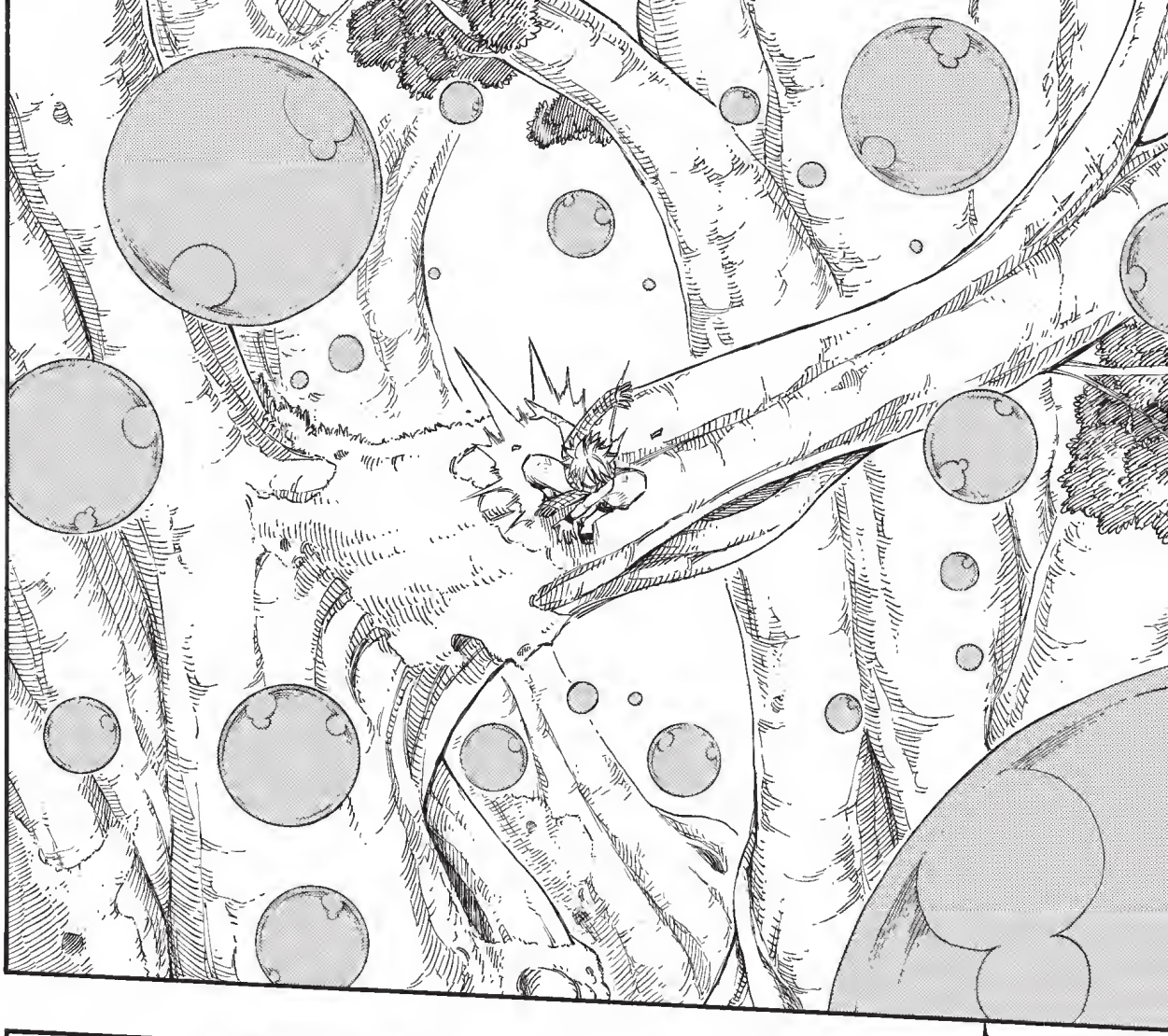

It's him...

Natsu!! The ground!!
BOOM!!
RMMMMM
RRRRMMMM

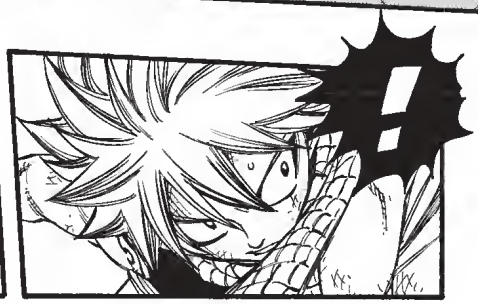
Where will *your* future guide you...
BOOM
Natsu Dragneel?
There was a sprouted seed there.
!
And the Arc of Time guided it into the future.
This is my true form!
So you're a cross-dresser?
You mean that guy who was using Leon's group on Galuna Island?
You're that creep from before.
I never forget a smell.
I am the head of the Seven Kin of Purgatory.
Ultear Milkovich.

!!
Zeref?
You aren't after Zeref, are you?
You can't have him, you know.
Zeref belongs to me.
You're kidding!! Zeref is supposed to be ancient!
That guy's Zeref?!
I don't want him!!!!
And I won't tolerate that !!!!
You hurt my friends !!!!

For real this time!
KWOOM
Is that so?
Then it's time for me to repay some old debts.
If you hadn't gotten in the way...
...I'd be an S-Class wizard by now!!!!
GRATCH
WHOOSH
Is that your future, then?
!!
keeee



Parallel universes!
Each of these crystal balls contains a different possible future!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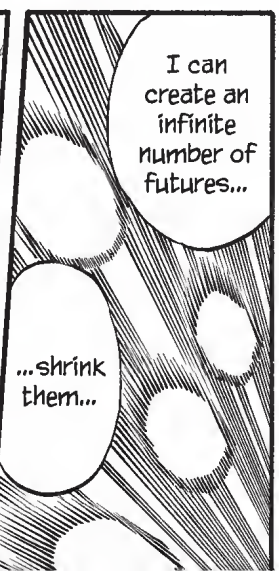
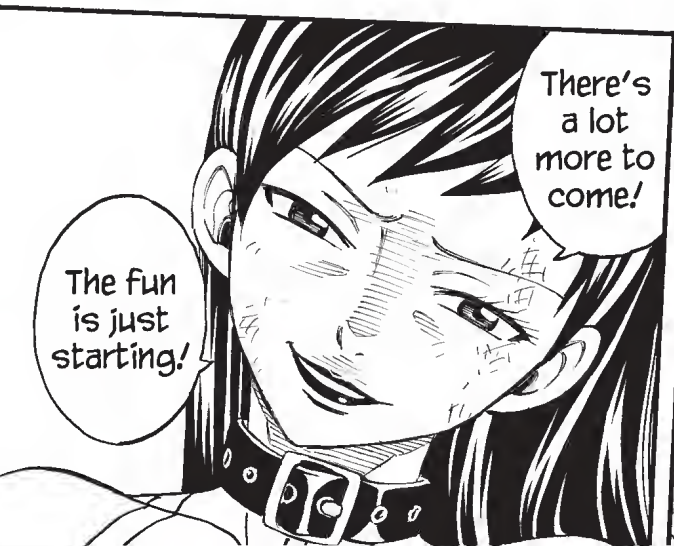
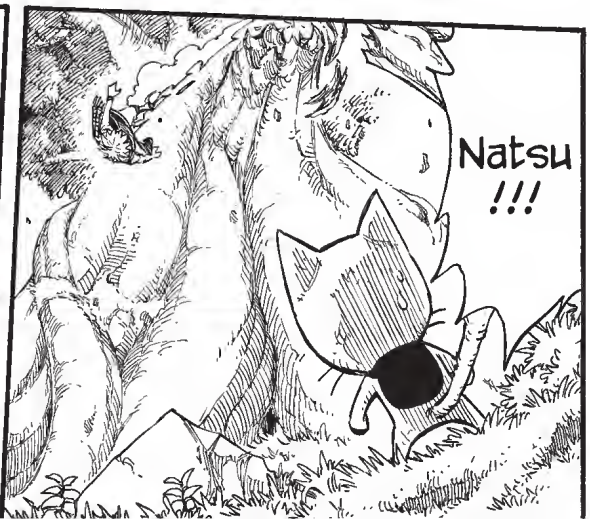
...then send them towards one future!

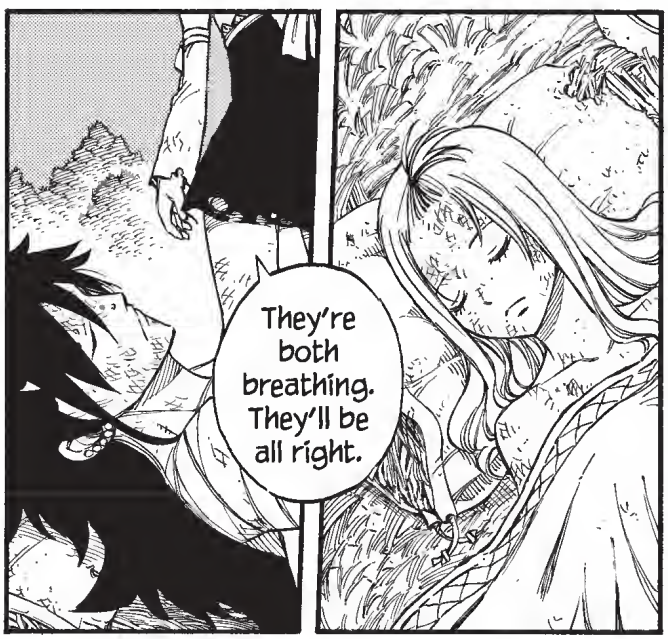

I can create an infinite number of futures...
...shrink them...

FLASH FORWARD !!!!
WHA
BAM
BAM
BAM
BA
Waahh !!!!

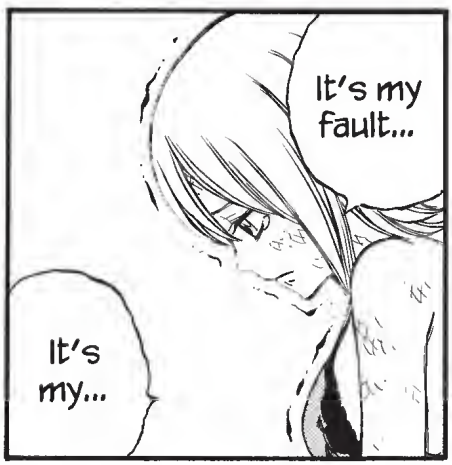

There's a lot more to come!
The fun is just starting!


Natsu !!!

Ruins of Sirius Island Base Camp

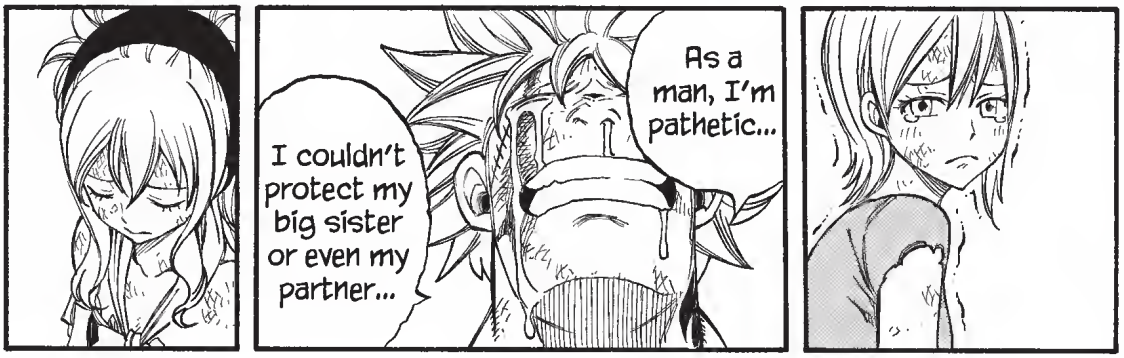

They're both breathing. They'll be all right.

It's nobody's fault!
WOBBLE


It's my fault...
It's my...

Even Gajeel and Mira...
For them to be defeated ...

They're really strong...
Elf!
I don't want to admit it, but they're too strong! There was nothing I could do!
Dammit!

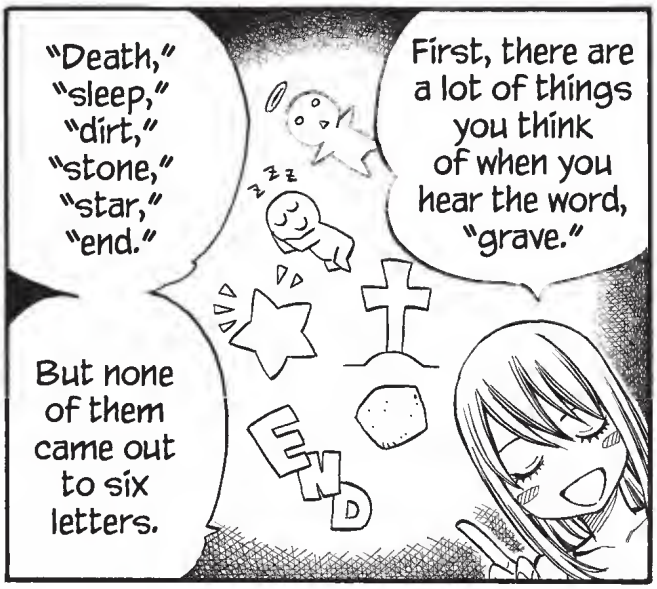

As a man, I'm pathetic...
I couldn't protect my big sister or even my partner...

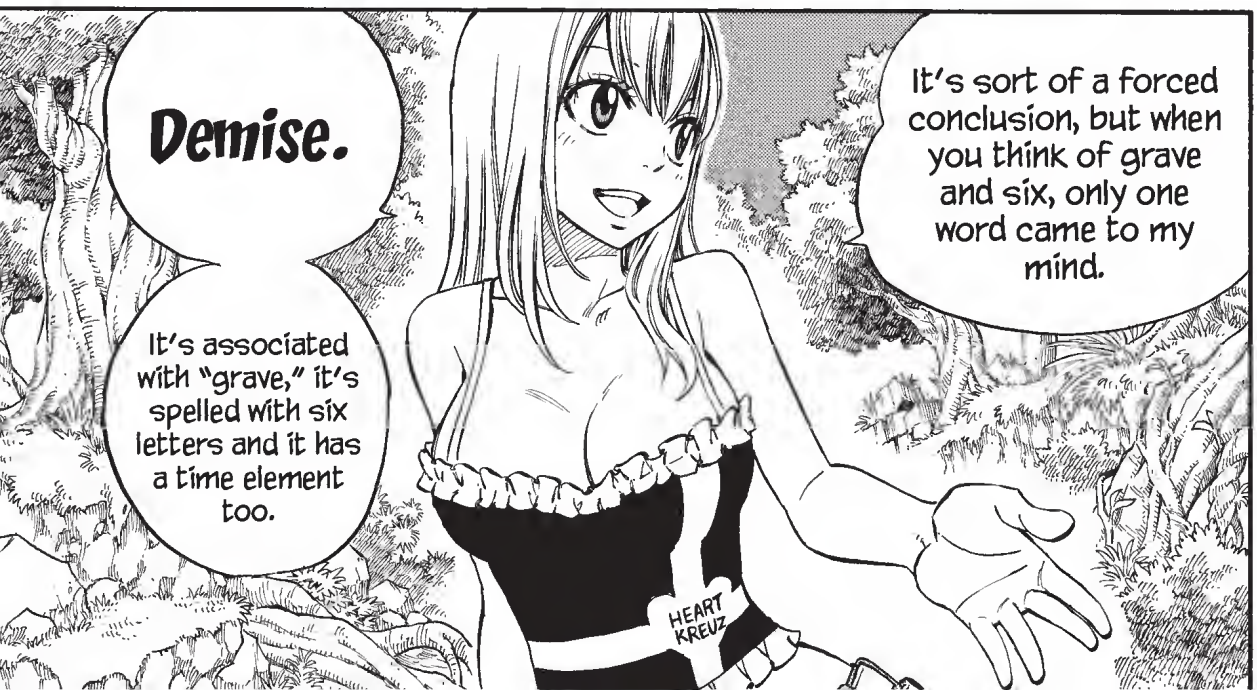
We have to combine our strengths!
Levy!

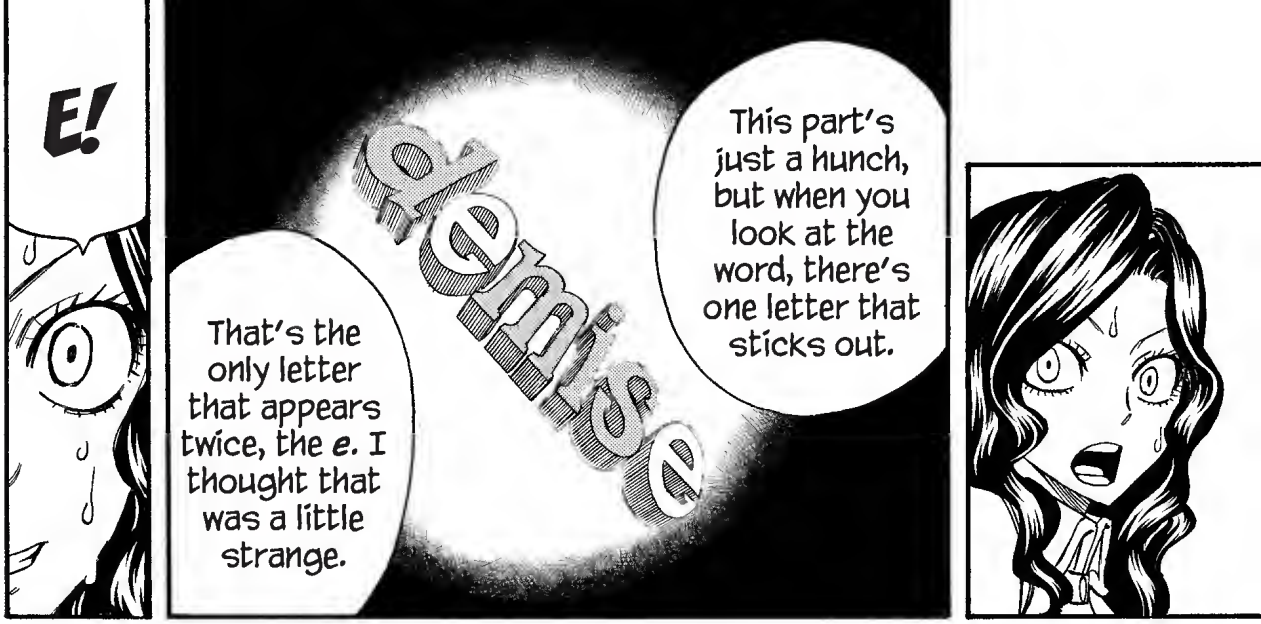
But... we can't afford to do that anymore!
I know it was only for a little bit, but people were thinking about themselves more than the guild.
The conditions of this test drove us apart.
...but we're Fairy Tail!!!
The enemy's ...
...over-whelming...
Please...
Think of each other!
Please, every-body...

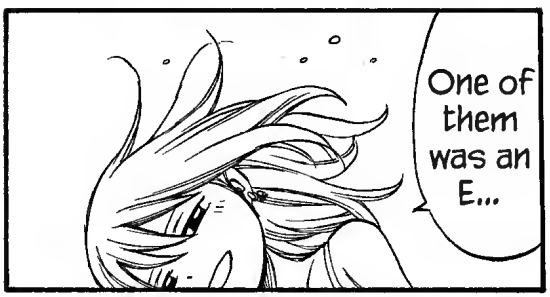
Yeah... Sure, I'll tell you...
So much has gone on that I forgot to ask about it, but now I think it's important.
Right! You said you knew where it was, didn't you?
Mavis's grave?
Half of it is guesswork, though.

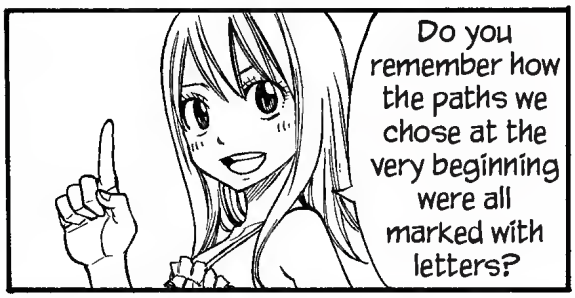
Wait a second!! Where did this six letters thing come from?
The time limit.
We had to find it within six hours.

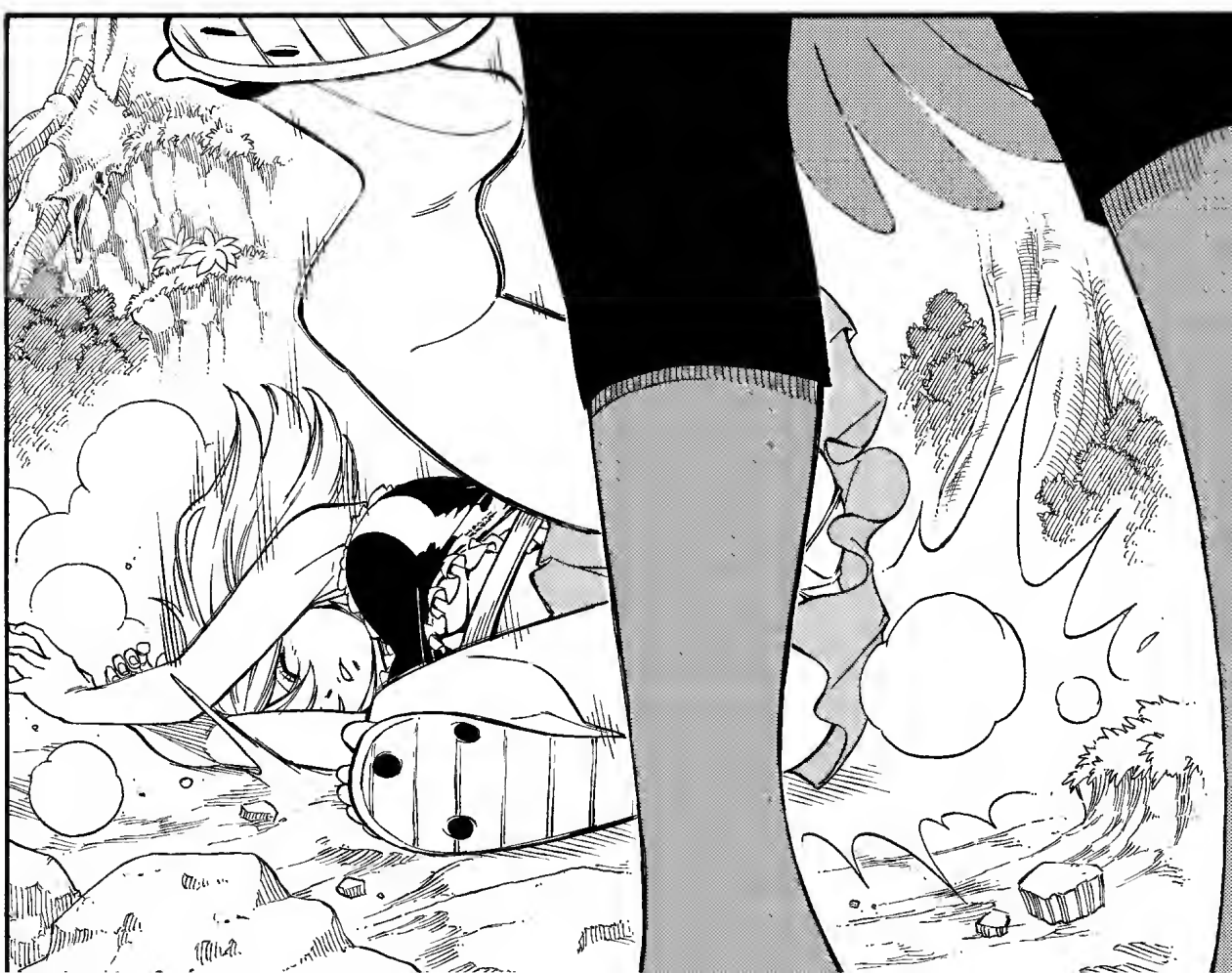

First, there are a lot of things you think of when you hear the word, "grave."
"Death," "sleep," "dirt," "stone," "star," "end."
But none of them came out to six letters.
END


Demise.
It's associated with "grave," it's spelled with six letters and it has a time element too.
It's sort of a forced conclusion, but when you think of grave and six, only one word came to my mind.
HEART KREUZ


E!
That's the only letter that appears twice, the e. I thought that was a little strange.
This part's just a hunch, but when you look at the word, there's one letter that sticks out.


One of them was an E...


Do you remember how the paths we chose at the very beginning were all marked with letters?



SLEEP
Thank you, Lucy.
WHUMP
SHK
SHK
SHK
SHK
DRAG
DRAG
DRAG
ZZZZ
ZZZZ
I'm sorry!
SHK
SHK
SHP
ドサッ
ズズズ…

ドスン
STOMP
ドスン
STOMP
ドスン
STOMP
ドスン
STOMP
ドスン
STOMP
GM
GM
GM
GM
GM
W—weh...

FAIRY TAIL

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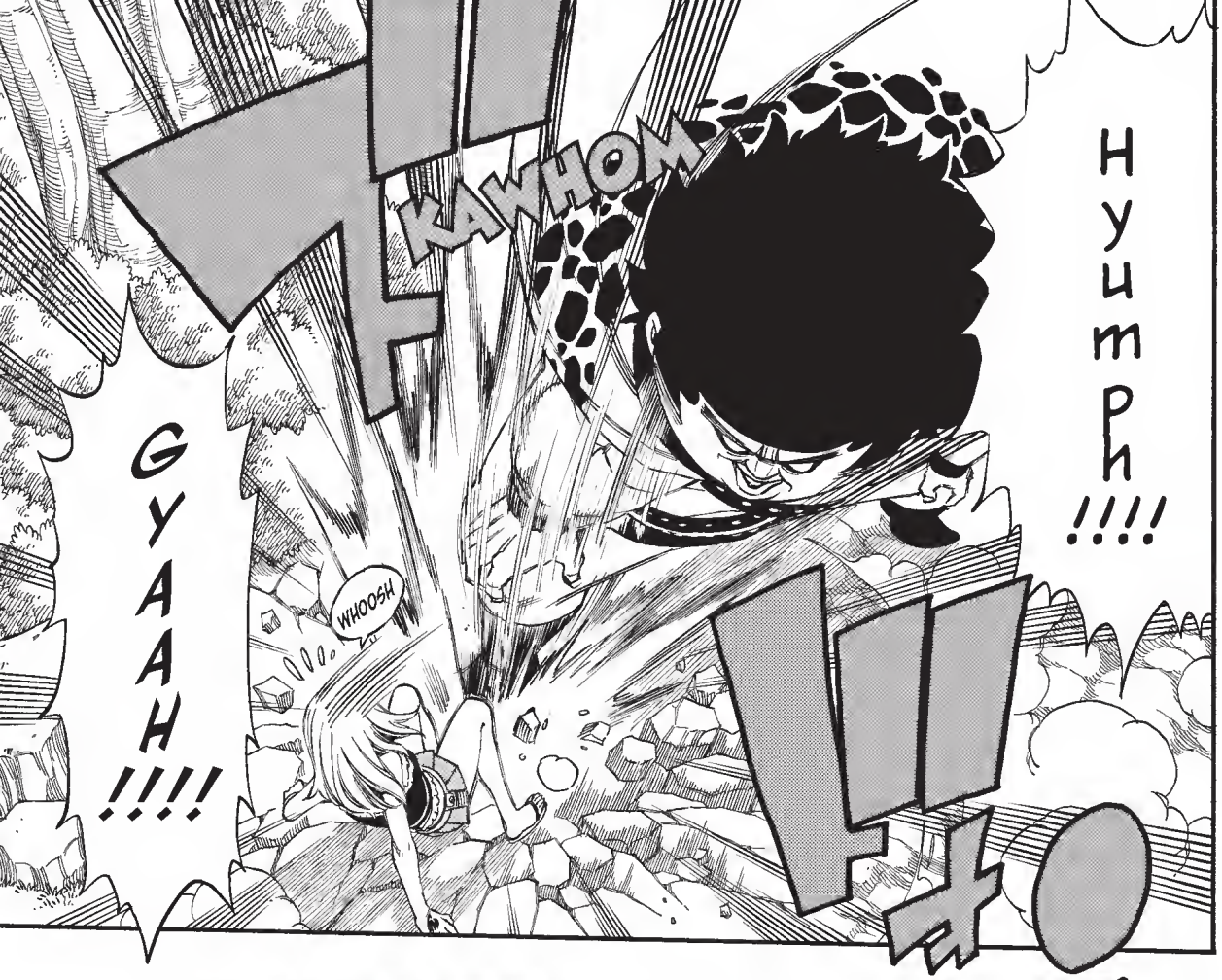
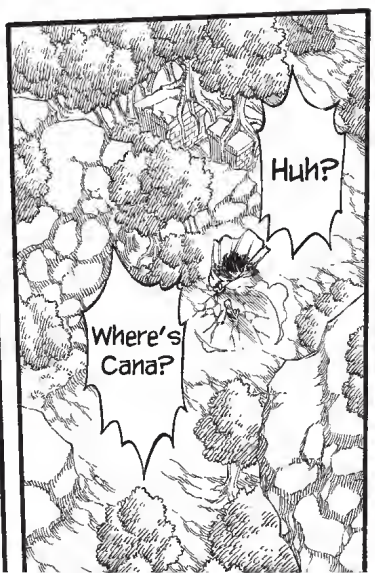
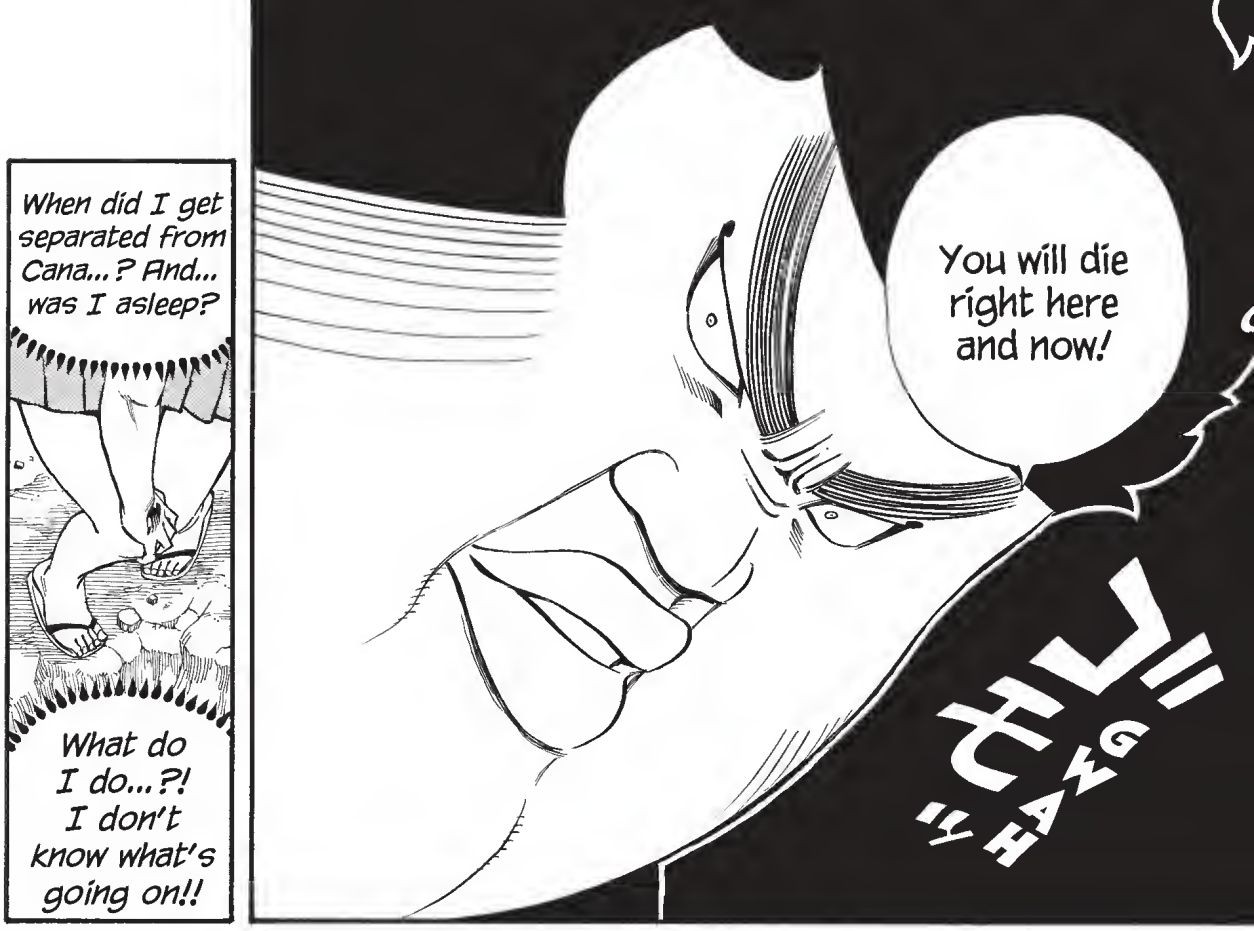

KAWHOM
Hyumph!!!!
GYAAH!!!!
WHOOSH
Hit!!

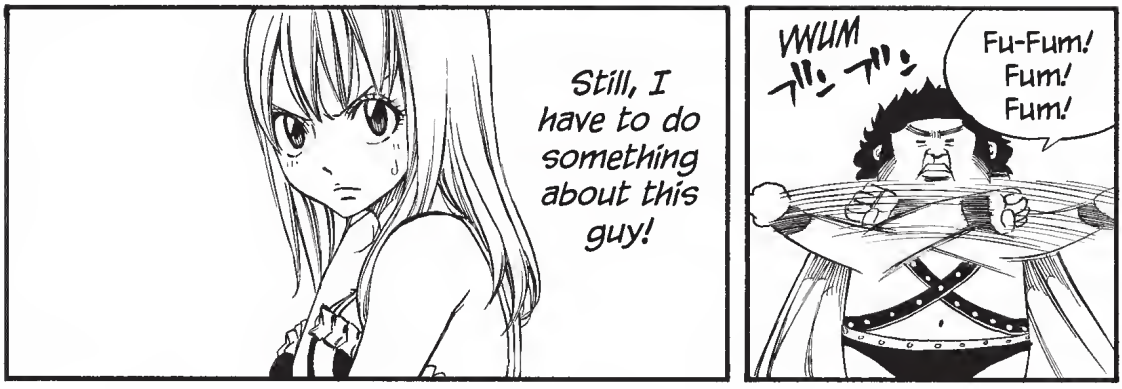
Wh-What's going on?!
Who are you...

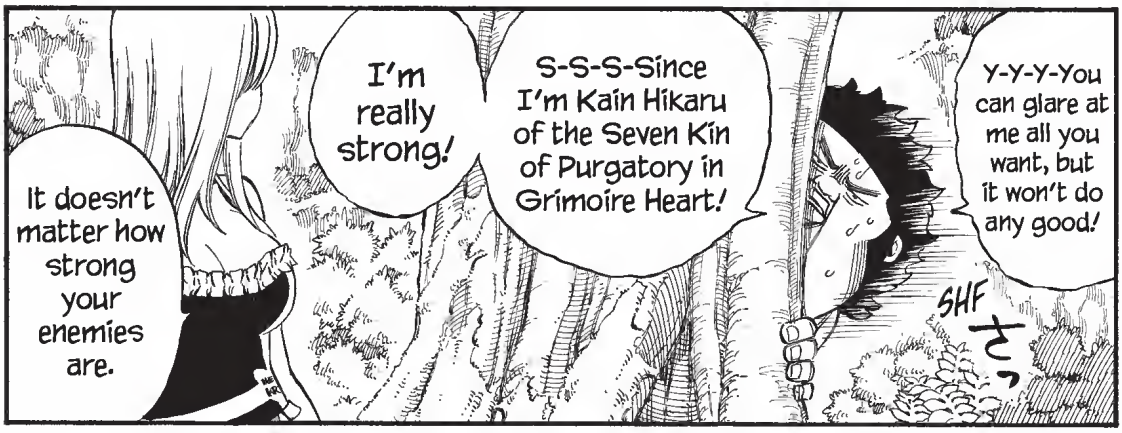
What did you do to Cana?!
I dunno!
Where is Cana?!
I really dunno! And who cares?!


Huh?
Where's Cana?

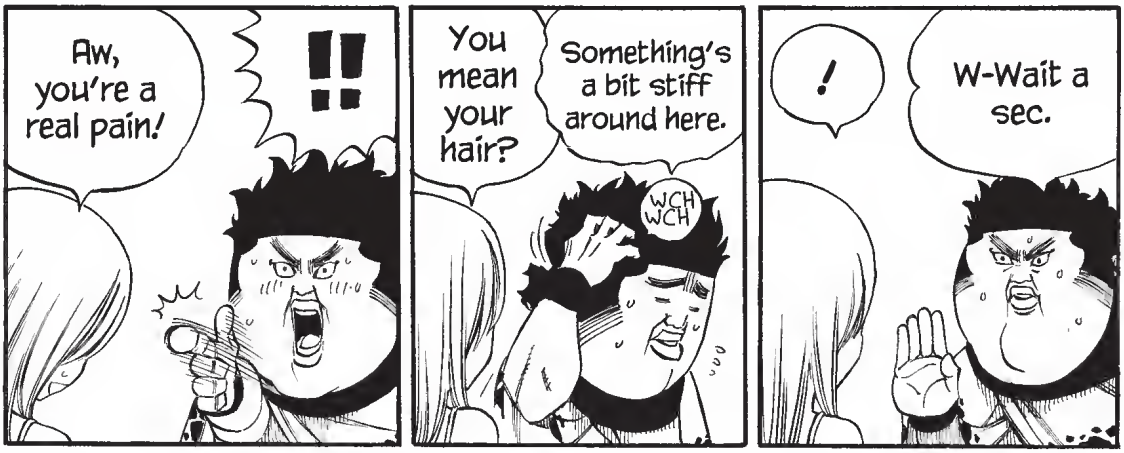
...Not one of the Seven Kin...?!


When did I get separated from Cana...? And... was I asleep?
What do I do...?! I don't know what's going on!!
You will die right here and now!
GNAH!

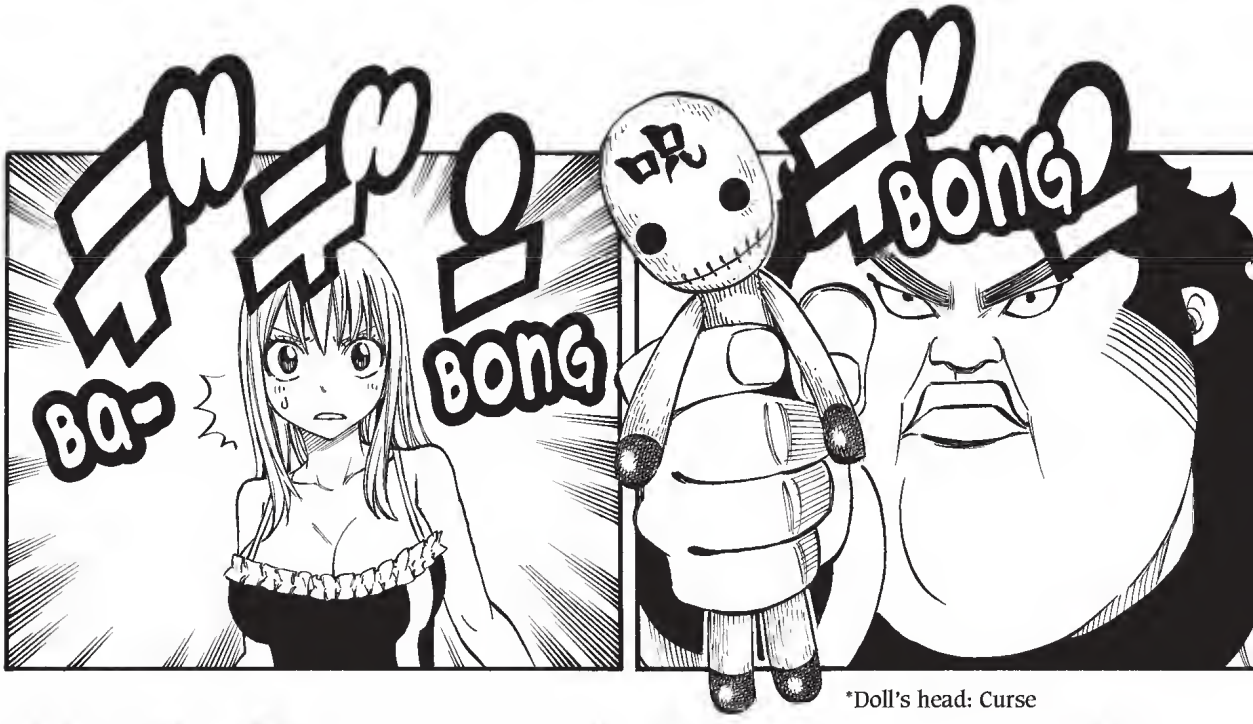

Still, I have to do something about this guy!
WUM
Fu-Fum! Fum! Fum!


It doesn't matter how strong your enemies are.
I'm really strong!
S-S-S-Since I'm Kain Hikaru of the Seven Kin of Purgatory in Grimoire Heart!
Y-Y-Y-You can glare at me all you want, but it won't do any good!
SHF

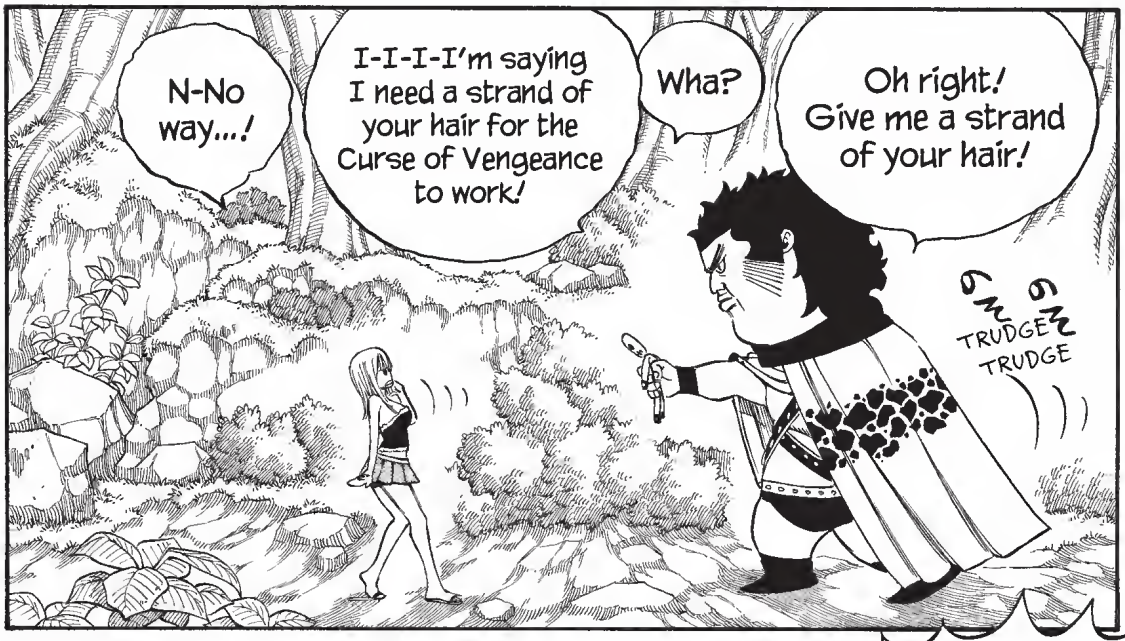
In our guild, it's more important to stand and face them!!!
I'll take you on!!! Now come at me!!!!

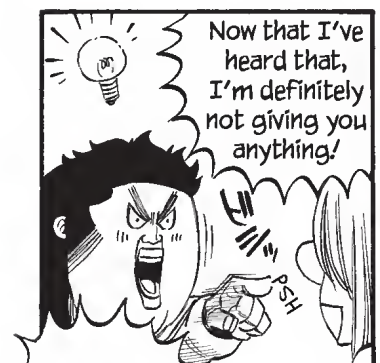

Aw, you're a real pain!
!!
You mean your hair?
Something's a bit stiff around here.
WCH WCH
!
W-Wait a sec.

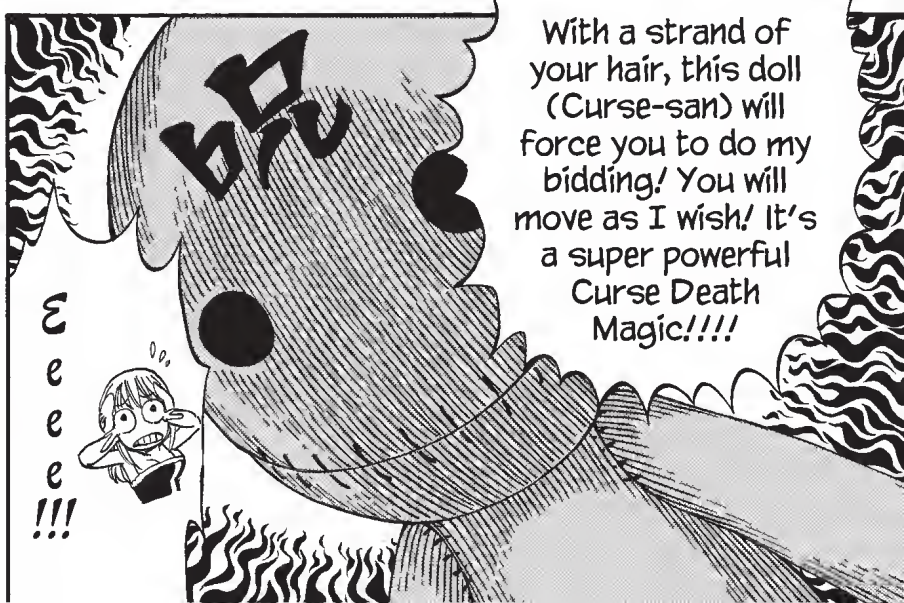
I will show you my Curse of Vengeance!
SHK
Let's do this!



*Doll's head: Curse





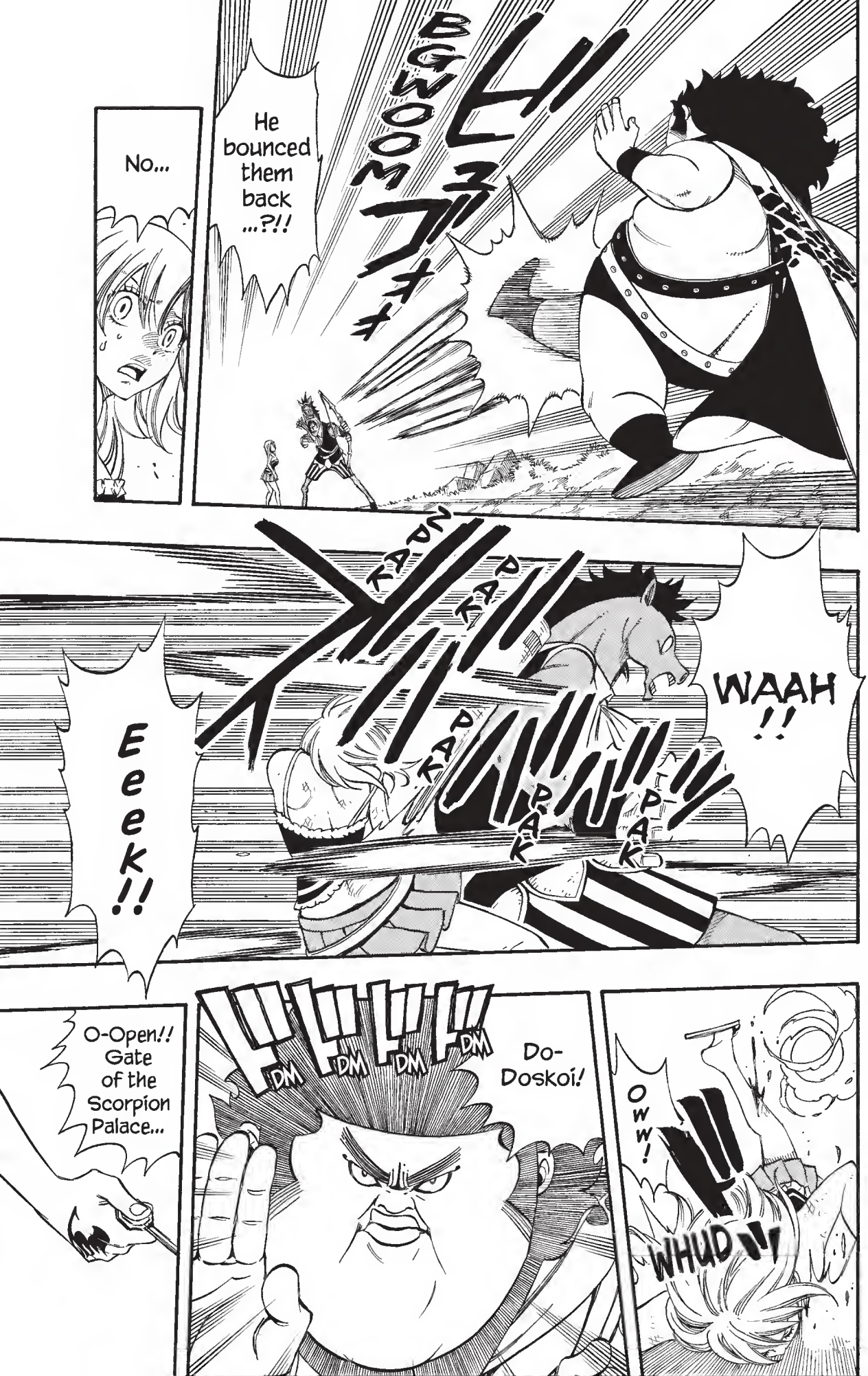


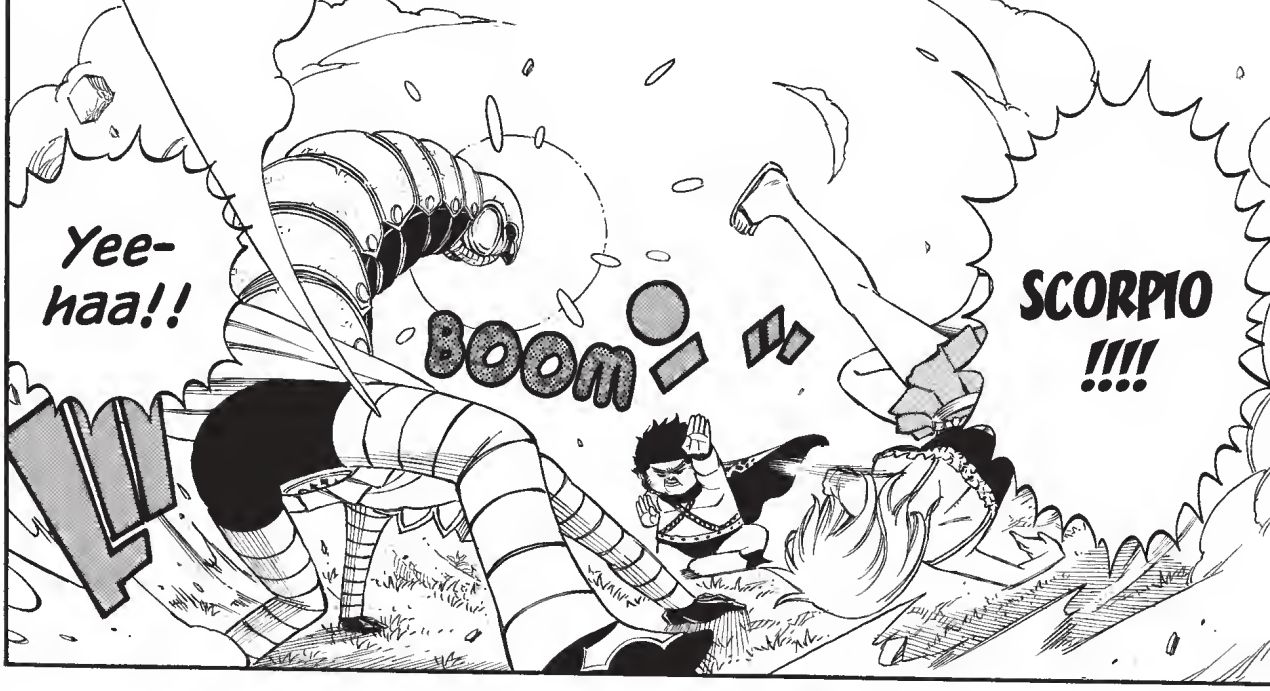
Th-There!! I've got a strand of my own scratchy hair, and now I'll just place it on Cuuurse-san...
I-I-I-If you think so, then let's just prove it!
PLT
CURSE
Also, I've never heard of that kind of magic.
It's just a trick, right?
SST
フゥ...
Just you try it!
mmmmmmmmmm!!!!
WHABONK
THWAKK

WEENG
Wmmmmmm!!
Hah!
PWING!
W-Wait, you!!
Ah ha ha ha ha ha ha!
I'm g-g-g-gonna get mean!!!!
Now I'm mad!!!
SSH
Give that back!!!
WAAAH !!
W-weeee!
ZOOM
KAWHOOM

BWOOF
MOOO !!!!
Open, Gate of the Bovine Palace! Taurus !!!
I've got no time for playing around !!
GYABOO!
BACHIIING
Do-Doskoi !!!!
No way ...
He defeated me with physical strength ...?!

I think he's even stronger when he *isn't* using magic!
EEEEEEK
きゃ
Waaaaait!!!
Under-stood and obeyed!
Aim for his feet!! Fire!!!
BWOOM
Moshi-moshi!
ズリーズリーズリーズリー
OPEN! GATE OF THE MAN-HORSE PALACE! SAGITTARIUS !!!!
Da-Das Turn!
ビュオオオオ


No...
He bounced them back ...?!!
BGWOOM
KA-DN
KAD
KAD
KAD
PAK
PAK
PAK
WAAH !!
Eeek!!
O-Open!! Gate of the Scorpion Palace...
DM DM DM DM
Do-Doskoi!
Oww!
WHUD


Yee-
haa!!
BOOM
SCORPIO
!!!!

KAFOOOM
SAND
BUSTER
!!!!

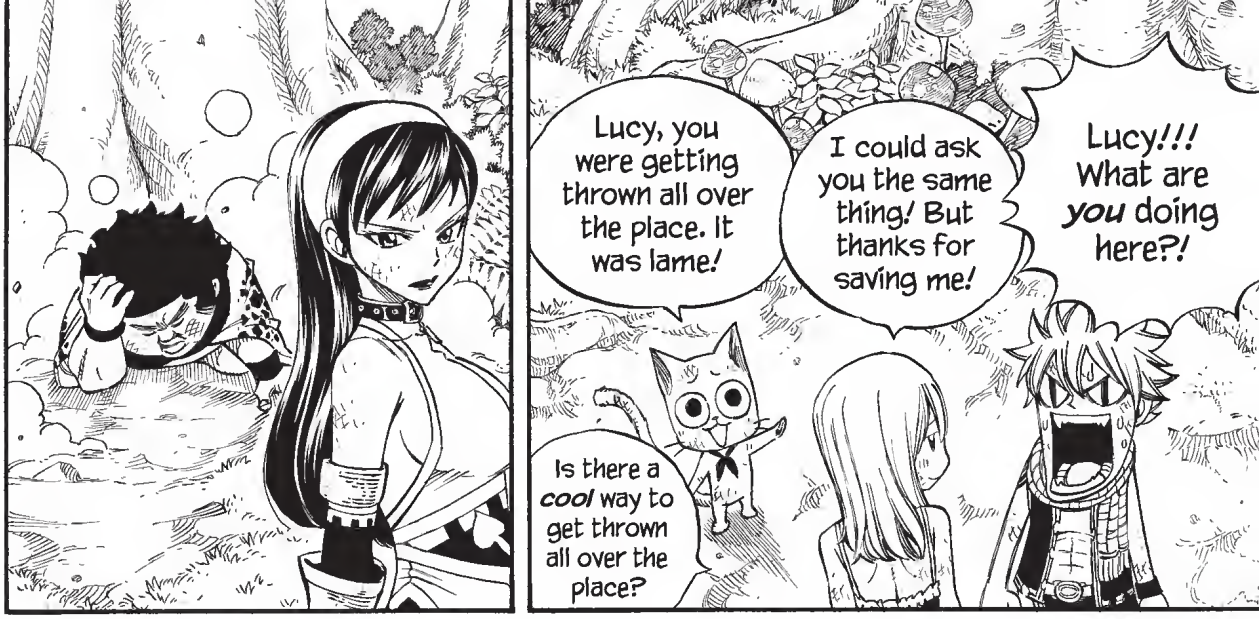
N-Nothing works on him!
Impossible!! My sand...
PWAA
What's with this guy?!
GAHH!
Do-Doskoi !!!!
UWAAH !!
KABOOM
It's because the doll has my scratchy hair attached!
And if I were to change the doll into a different material...

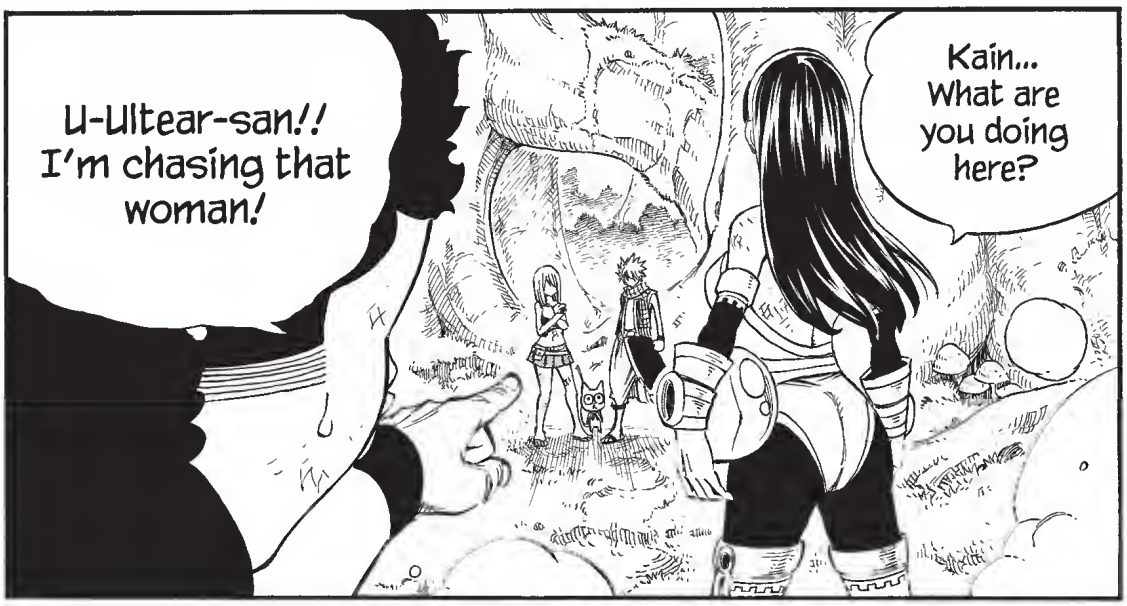
... to pure light!
Curse-san Change!
From steel...
You don't mean you can get even stronger...?
WHUF
SHINING DO-DOSKOI !!!!
Aaaaaah!!!

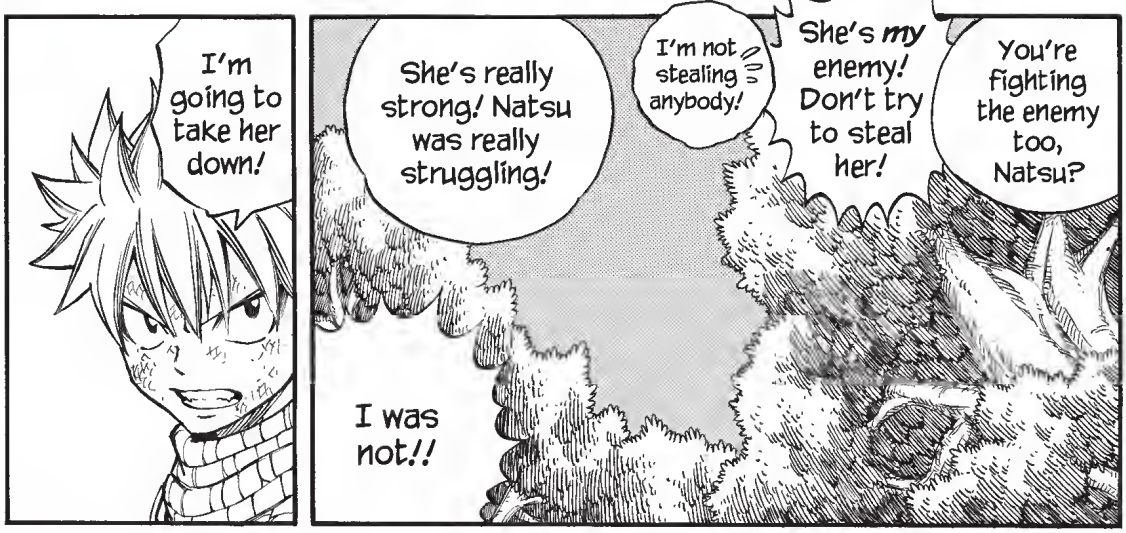
Change material to cotton!
ふわ
POOF
SHKKK
I may not look it, but I'm one of the Seven Kin!
I'm really strong!

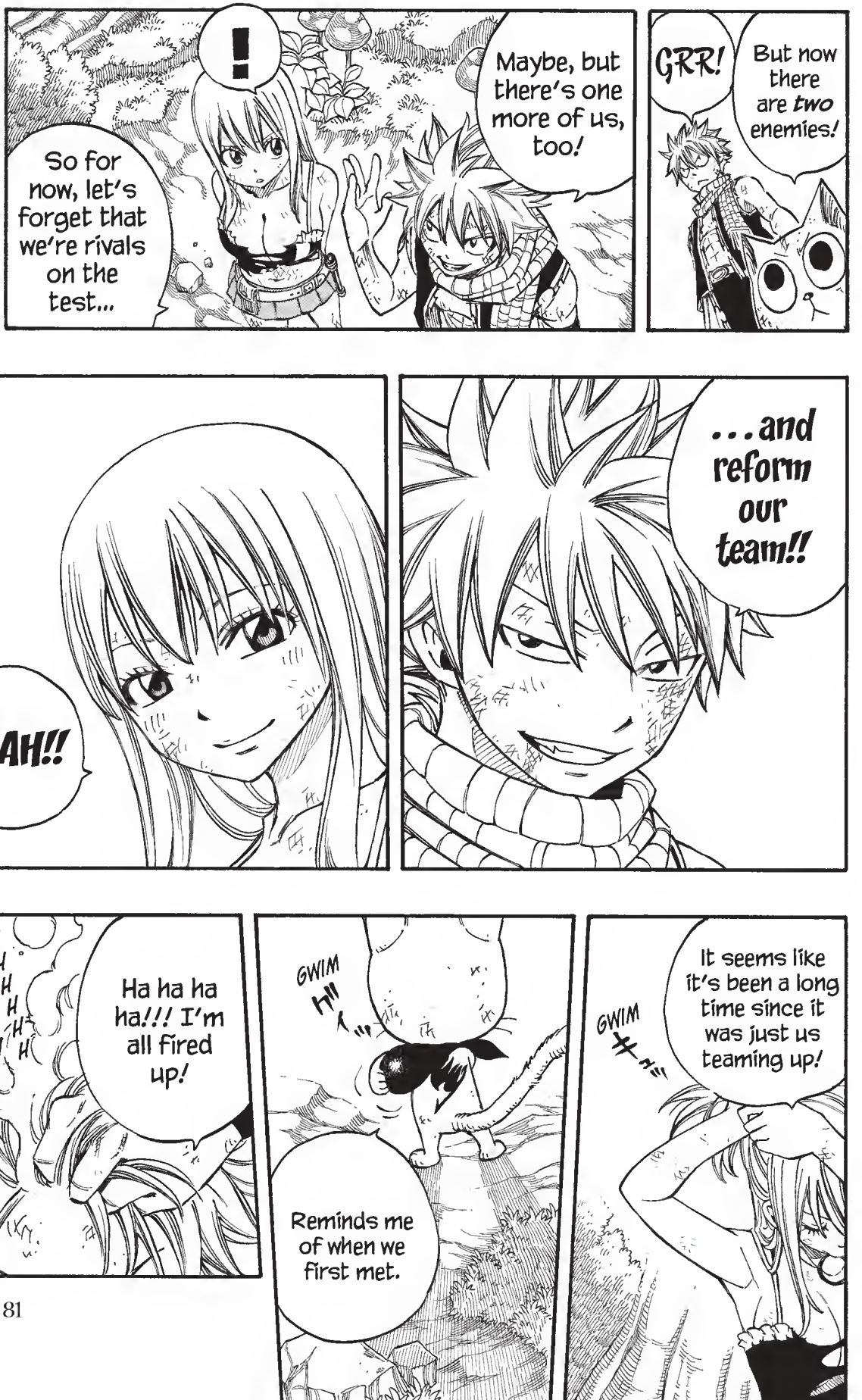
Now I crush you!!!
STEEL !!
カキ
KAKEEEEN!
Ngh...
ふわ!!
FWAAH
I will finish this!!!!

OUT-TA THE WAY !!!!
WOWEEH!
BOOM!!
ルクスside
Natsu !!


Lucy, you were getting thrown all over the place. It was lame!
I could ask you the same thing! But thanks for saving me!
Lucy!!! What are *you* doing here?!
Is there a *cool* way to get thrown all over the place?


U-Ultear-san!! I'm chasing that woman!
Kain... What are you doing here?


I'm going to take her down!
She's really strong! Natsu was really struggling!
I'm not stealing anybody!
She's *my* enemy! Don't try to steal her!
You're fighting the enemy too, Natsu?
I was not!!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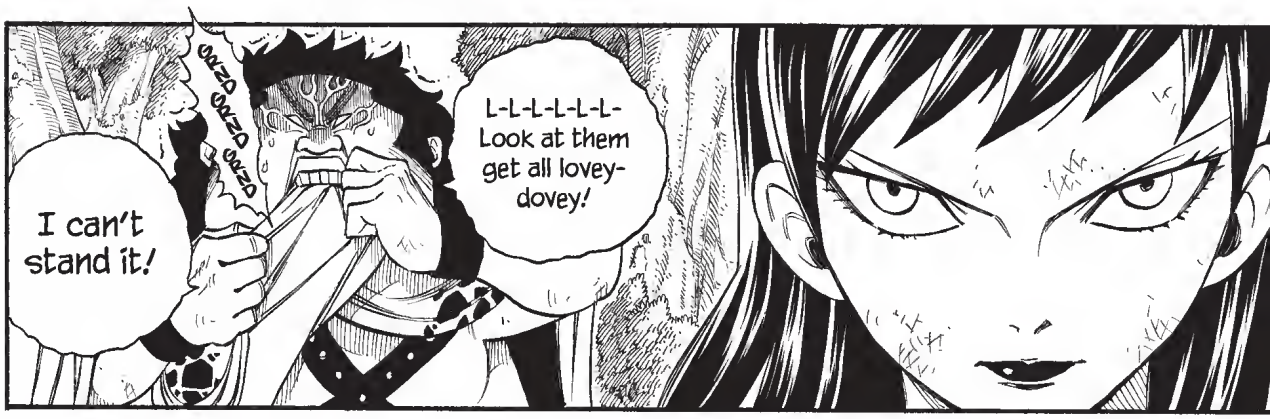
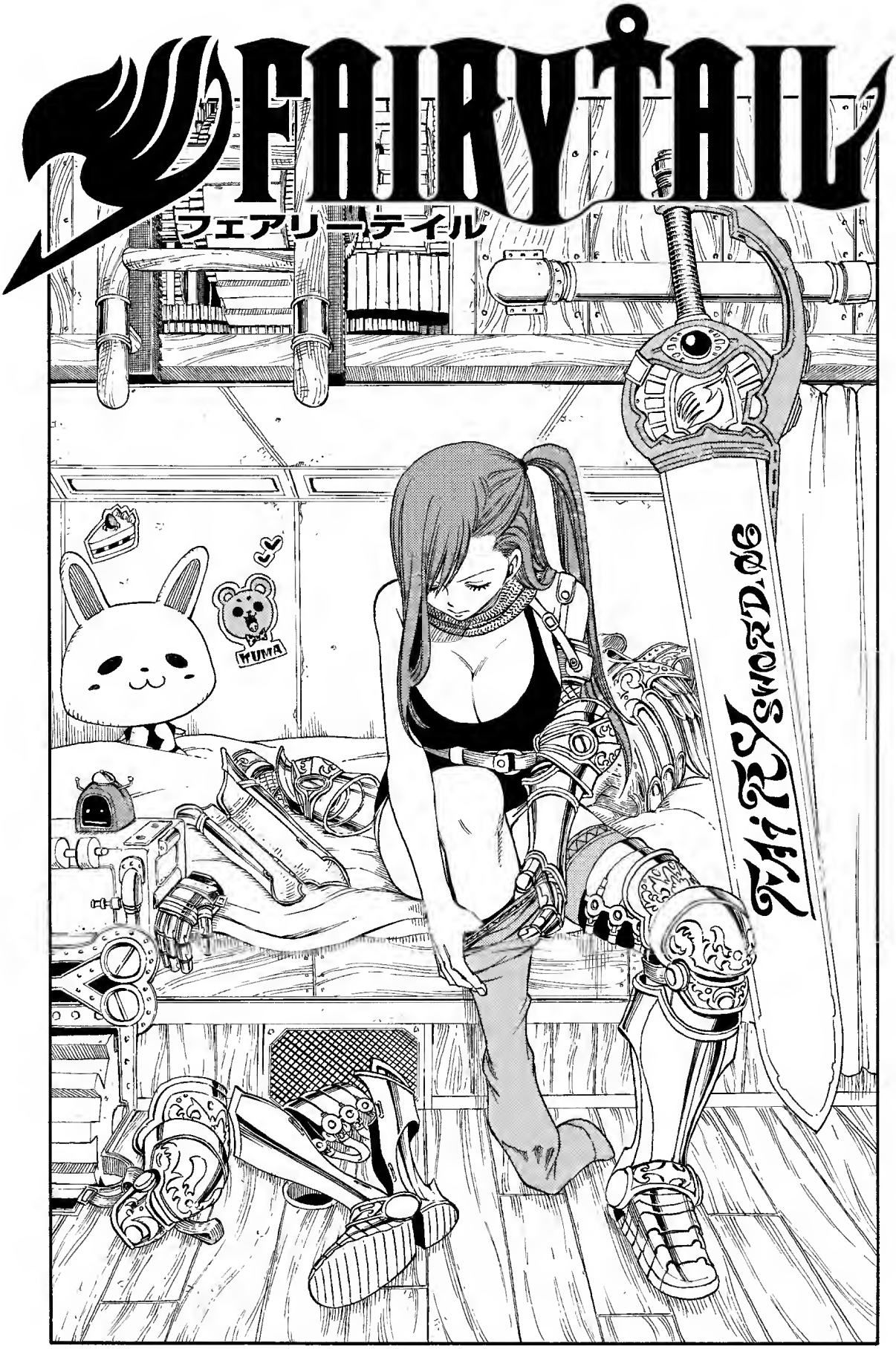
So for now, let's forget that we're rivals on the test...
Maybe, but there's one more of us, too!
GRR!
But now there are *two* enemies!
...and reform our team!!
YEAH!!
Ha ha ha ha!!! I'm all fired up!
GWIM
Reminds me of when we first met.
GWIM
It seems like it's been a long time since it was just us teaming up!

Let's go, Natsu!!!!
SLAP
Let's go, Lucy!!!!


I can't stand it!
GNZD GNZD GNZD
L-L-L-L-L-L-L- Look at them get all lovey-dovey!



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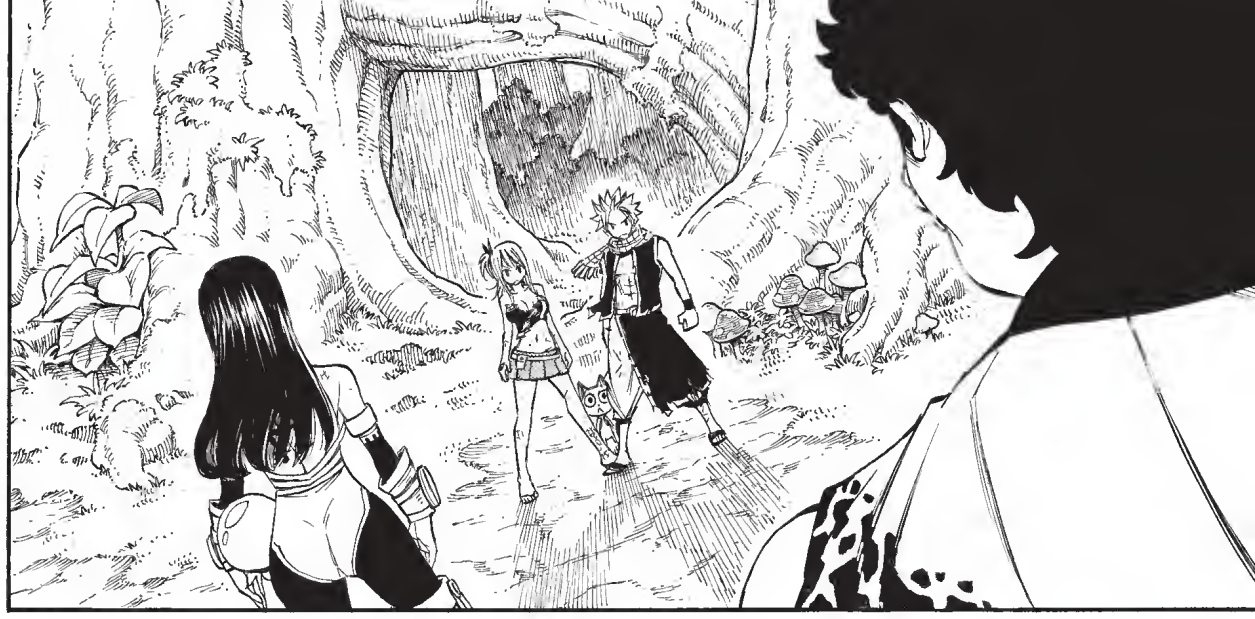
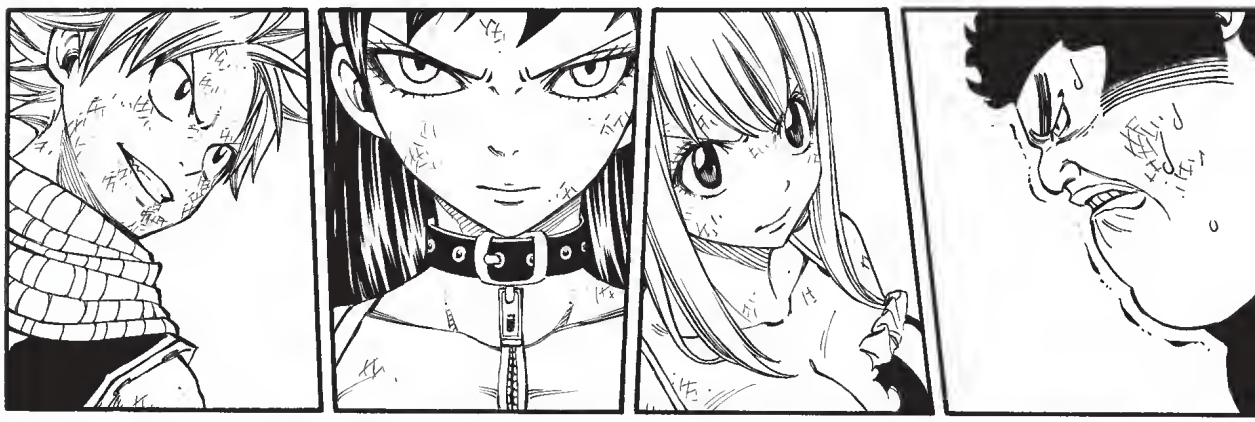
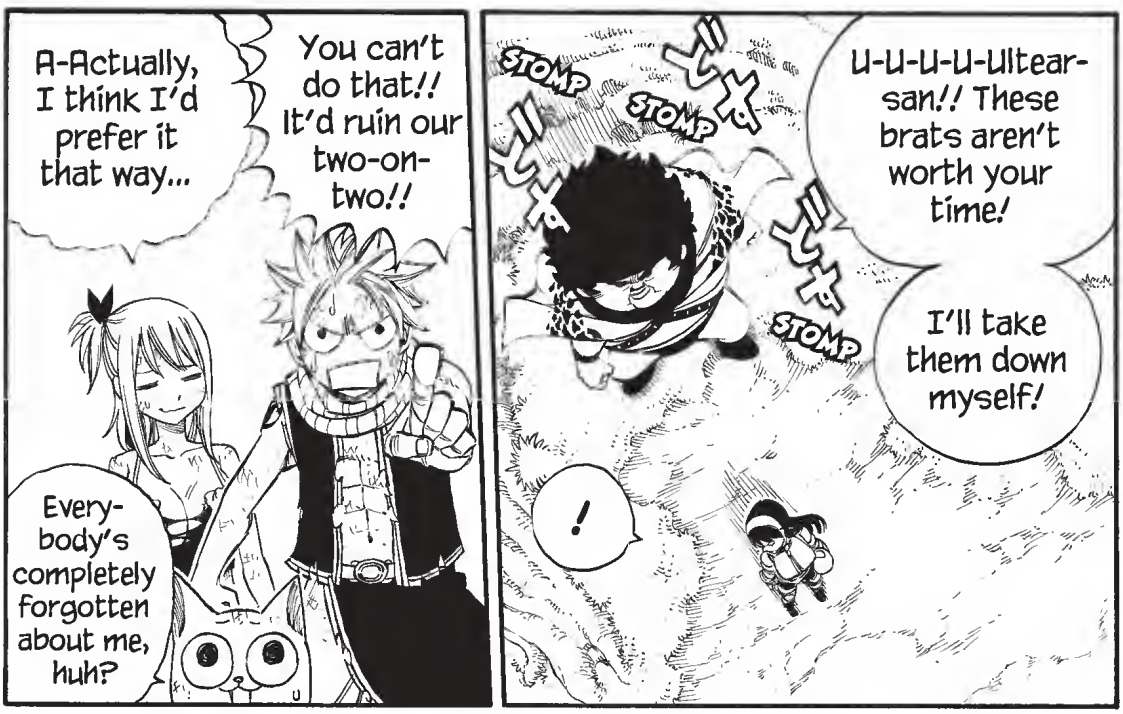





A-Actually, I think I'd prefer it that way...
You can't do that!! It'd ruin our two-on-two!!
Every-body's completely forgotten about me, huh?
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
U-u-u-u-ultear-san!! These brats aren't worth your time!
I'll take them down myself!
!

Natsu!! This is bad!! We can't let them have Zeref!!!
You're kidding ...!!!
What's that?!! You've found him already?!
CLAP CLAP CLAP
Then I leave them to you. I must get Zeref to Master Hades.
SHOOM
DMP
DMP
DMP
DMP
DMP
You're not going anywhere !!!
DMP
GUFF !!
Do- Doskoi !!!!
CHIING

WHOOSH
Wowehh!!!!
You have to show them how frightening the Seven Kin are!
Never let up on them! Understand?
Natsu!!
KA-BLAM
Got no choice!
KICK!
Then I'll...
DMP
I'll take on this guy first!

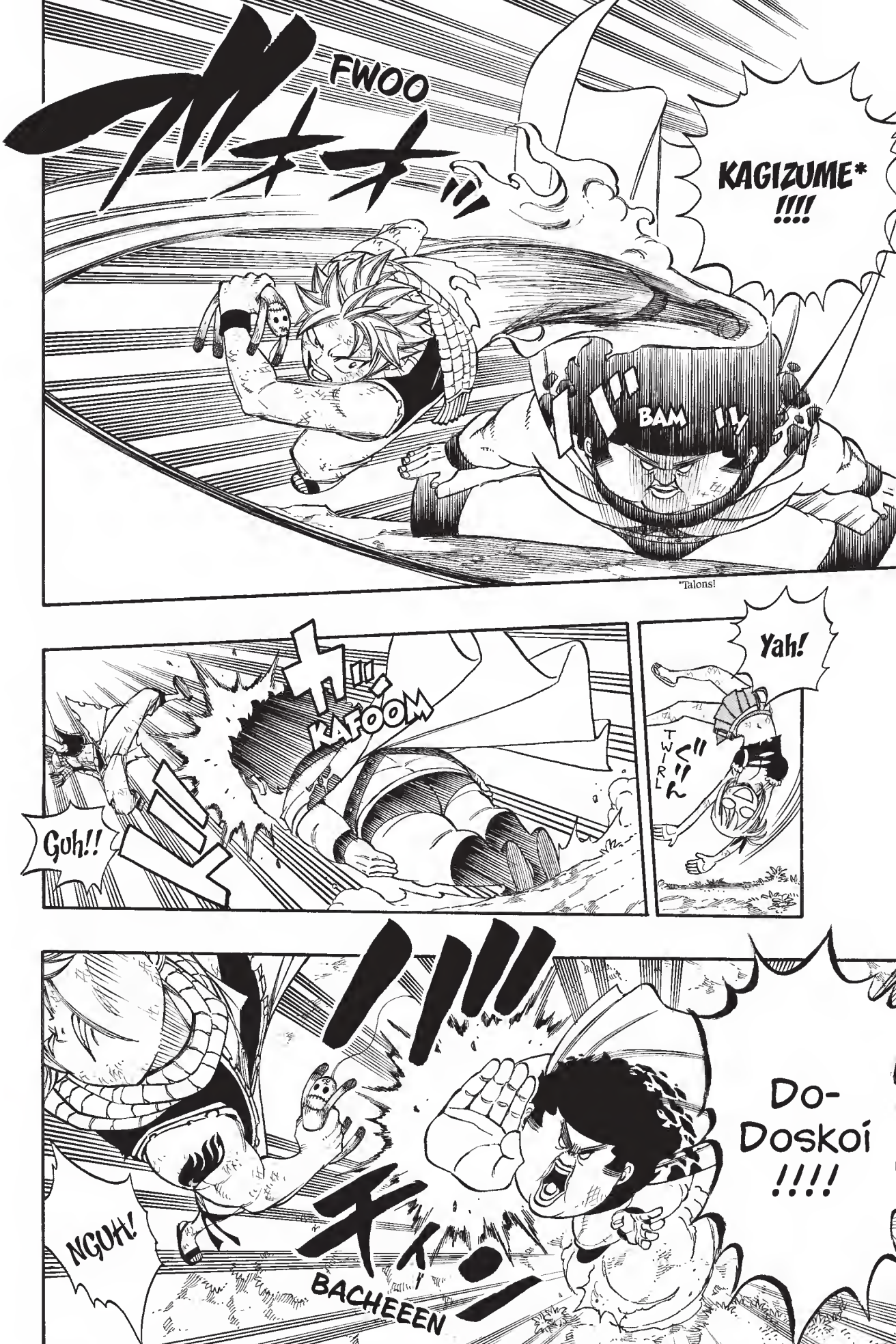
H-Huh...?
GRRRR
I-I can't move!
!!
DOWN
My body won't move...
NNGG!
What are you doing, Lucy!
I managed to pluck a hair while I was chasing you.
N-No way!
!!
DONG!

PWEEN
EEEEEK!!!
And this is pay-back for before!
PWEEN
Eee!
PIIING
Now you're nothing more than my puppet!
PIIING
It's not fun at all!!!
Now you're a bunny!
That looks pretty fun!!!
O-Ohh...
Lucy has to move the way that doll moves!
What's going on?
WSH
Now go take down your friend!!!!

Natsu!! Dodge me!!!
WHOA!
SKRRRCH
ZWAASH
WHOOSH
*Fire Dragon's...
Karyû no*...
Don't touch my butt!!
くりん
POKE
NGAH!
WHAKAM
Ahhh!!
FWIP
Ack!!
BAM
You little...
What was that for, Lucy?!!
I didn't do it because I wanted to!!

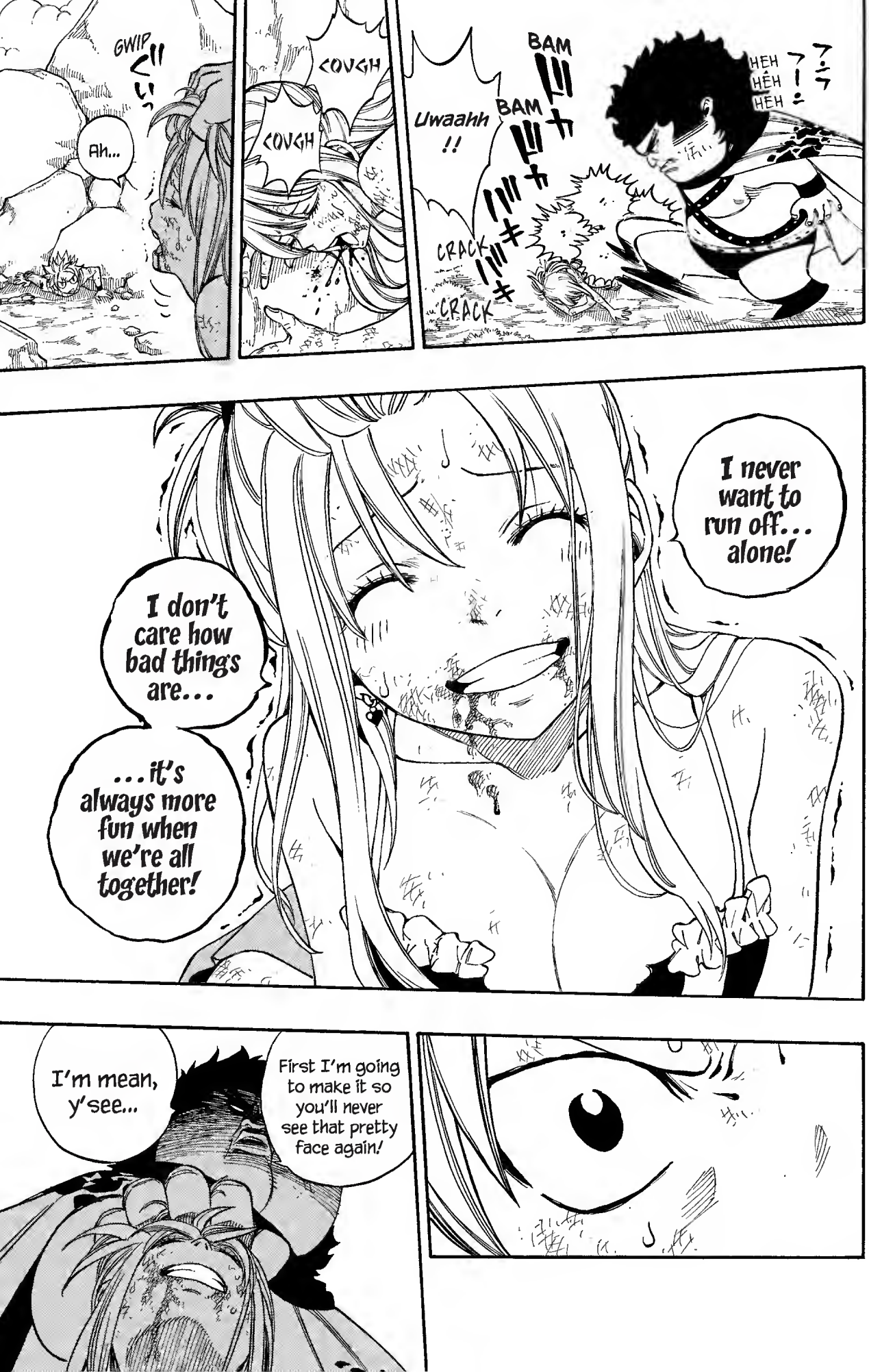
You're really strong! Is the puppet magic adding to your strength?
GSH
Ahh!
Stop moving!!
This is more trouble than I figured.
POW
I'm sorry! I'm sorry!
If you do that, then I'll show you the true power of the Curse of Vengeance...
Quit cuddling like that!!!!
Wh-Wh-Wh-What are you two doing?!!!
GRN
Err...
Natsu!! Lucy!! I stole the doll!!
BONG
HUH?!!!

GUMPH
GWIP
Don't play with it!!!!
Oh!
Great !!!
All right !!!
Gyah!
Give it back !!!!
WHAM
*Fire Dragon's...
Karyû no*...
Eek!
PTCH

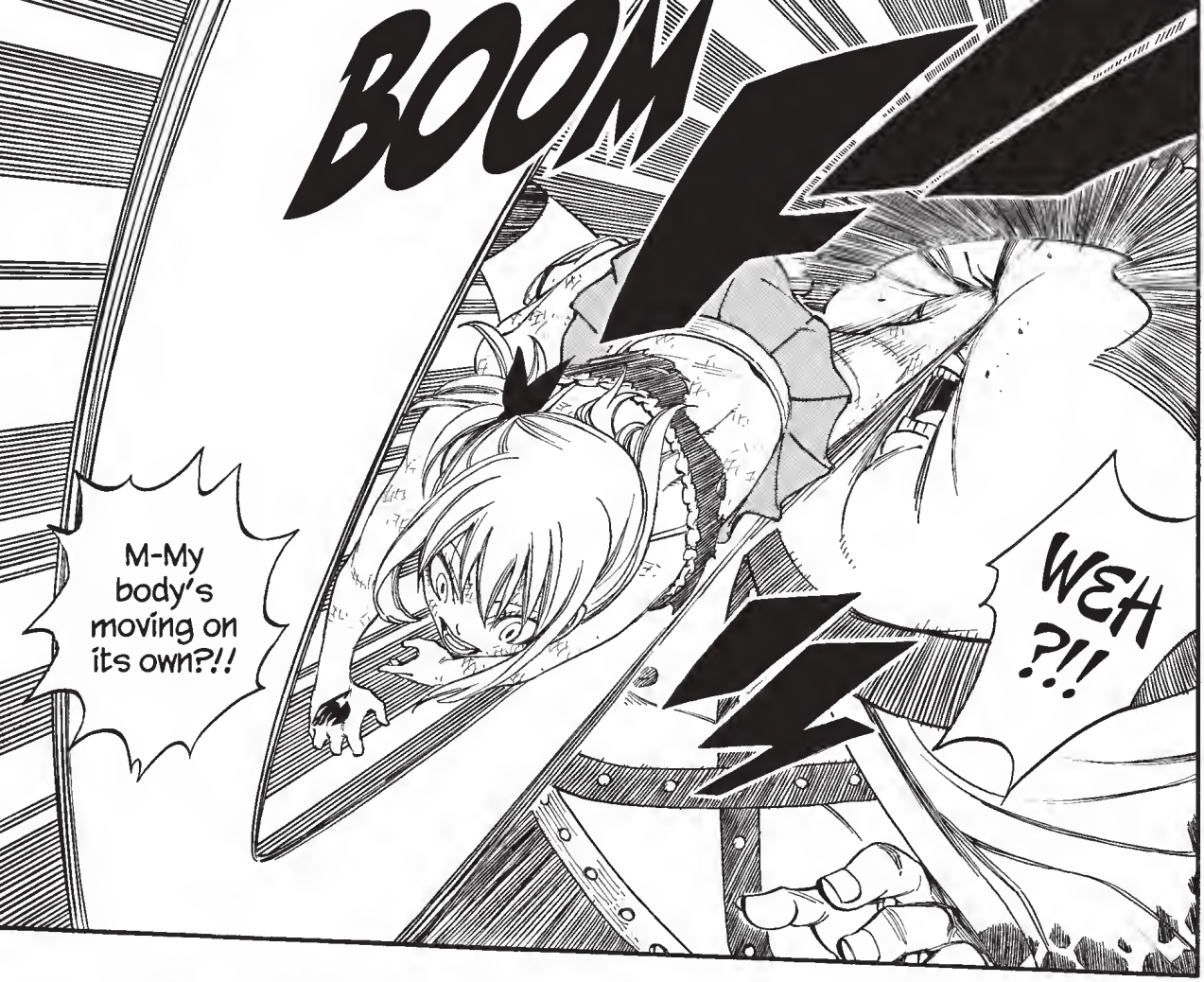

FWOO
KAGIZUME*
!!!!
BAM
*Talons!
KAFOOM
Guh!!
Yah!
TWIRL
NGUH!
BACHEEEN
Do-
Doskoi
!!!!

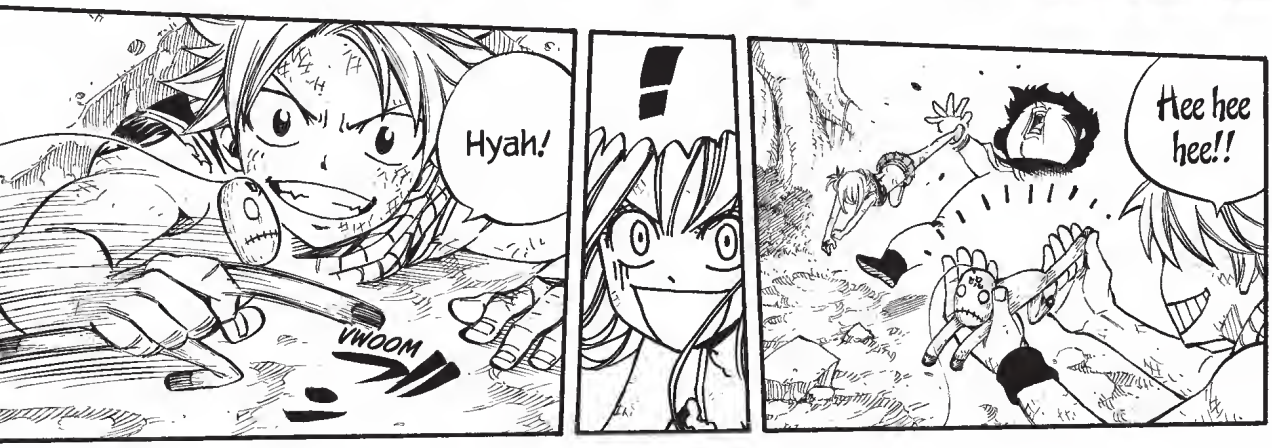
WHAKAM
Gyah!
AAAAH!
AAH!
CRUMBLE
Ngoh! This is bad! I can't get outta this!!!
Natsu!!
CLATTER
KAFOOM
Hold on!! I'll summon Virgo to get you out!!
!
SLUMP
No way...!!
Out of magic?!! At a time like this...?!

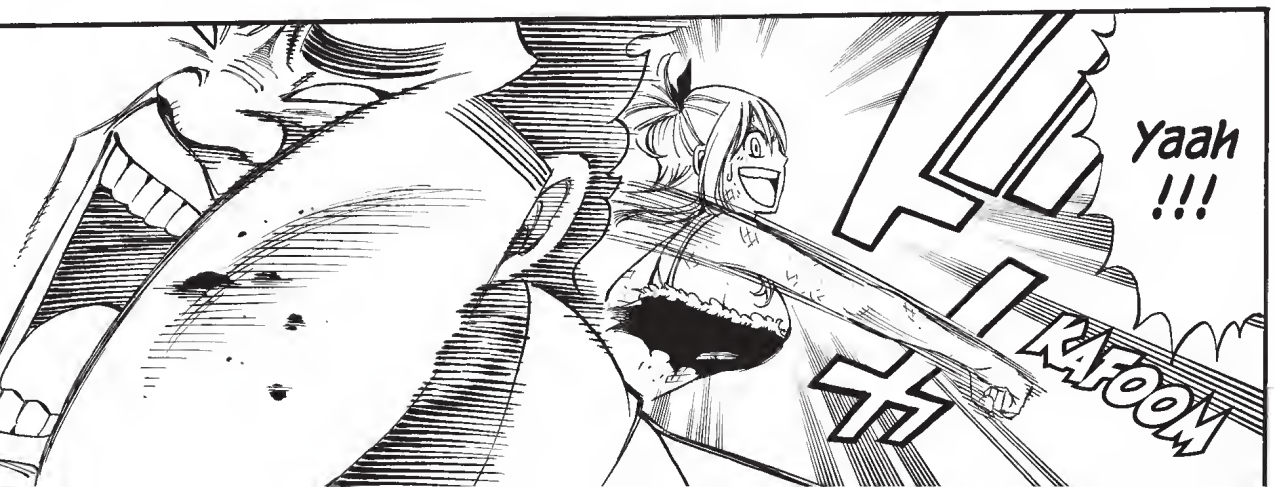
Lucy !!!
Dam-mit!! I can't get out!!
Eeeek!!!
BAM
Just stay there while I punish her!
Ngah !!
No...
He's stronger than he looks...
Lucy, run!!!!
I'll get him somehow!!! So you just get away!!!
Urn...


GWIP
Ah...
COUGH
COUGH
Uwaahh !!
BAM
BAM
CRACK
CRACK
HEH HEH HEH
I never want to run off... alone!
I don't care how bad things are...
...it's always more fun when we're all together!
I'm mean, y'see...
First I'm going to make it so you'll never see that pretty face again!

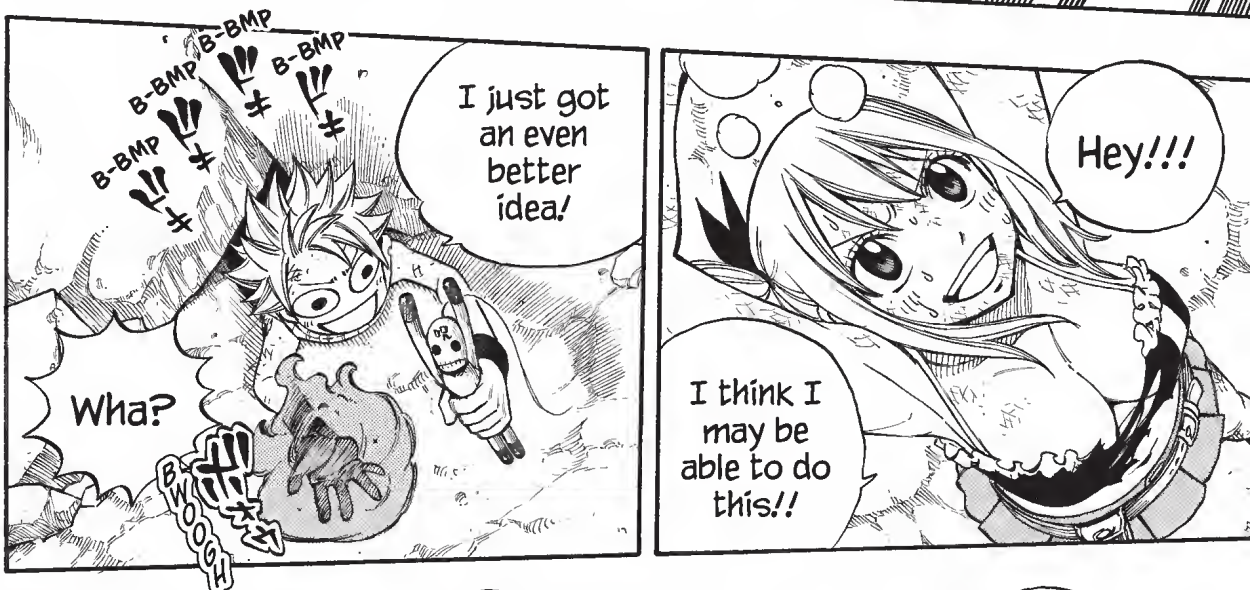
Waaaaah!!!
KRIK
KRIK
KRIK
KRIK
Now I break you!
NNRRRAH!
ZRG
ZRG
ZRG
Lucy !!!!
?!
SST
!
KRIK
KRIK
AAAAAAAAA
?!


BOOM
M-My body's moving on its own?!!
WEH ?!!


Hyah!
VWOOM
!
Hee hee hee!!


Yaah !!!
KAFOOM

What's cartilage? Does it taste good?
N-Natsu... Remember that I've got cartilage, okay?!!
Ha ha ha ha!!! I can make her move however I want!!! It's the strongest Lucy ever!!!!
WOOM
Dodge it, Lucy !!!
You're bending me too much!!!!
GWIMM


B-BMP
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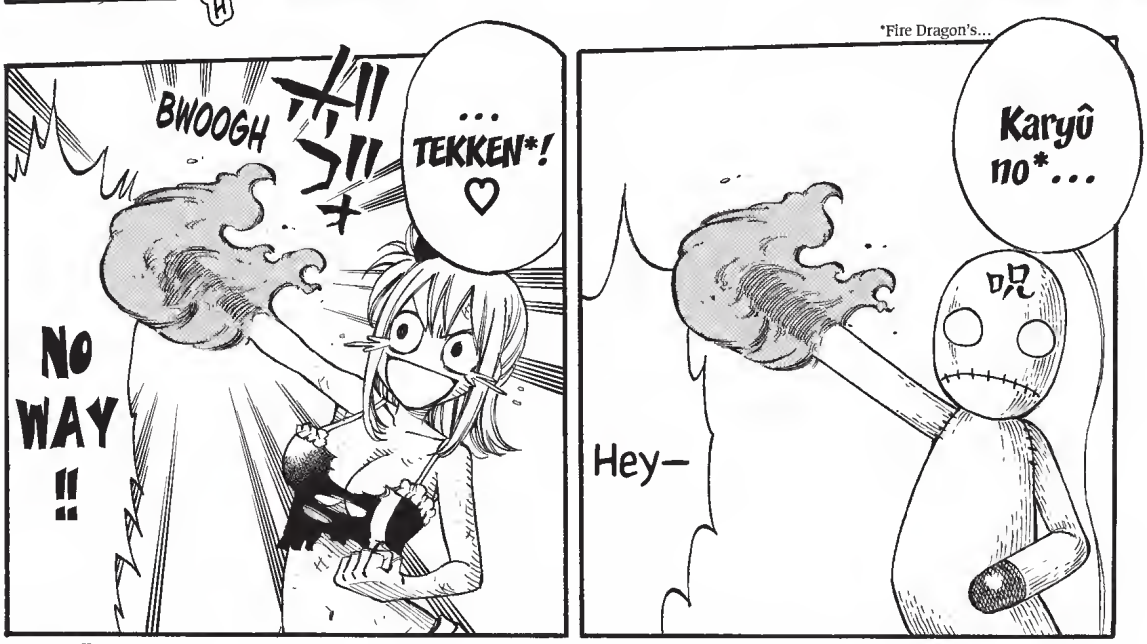
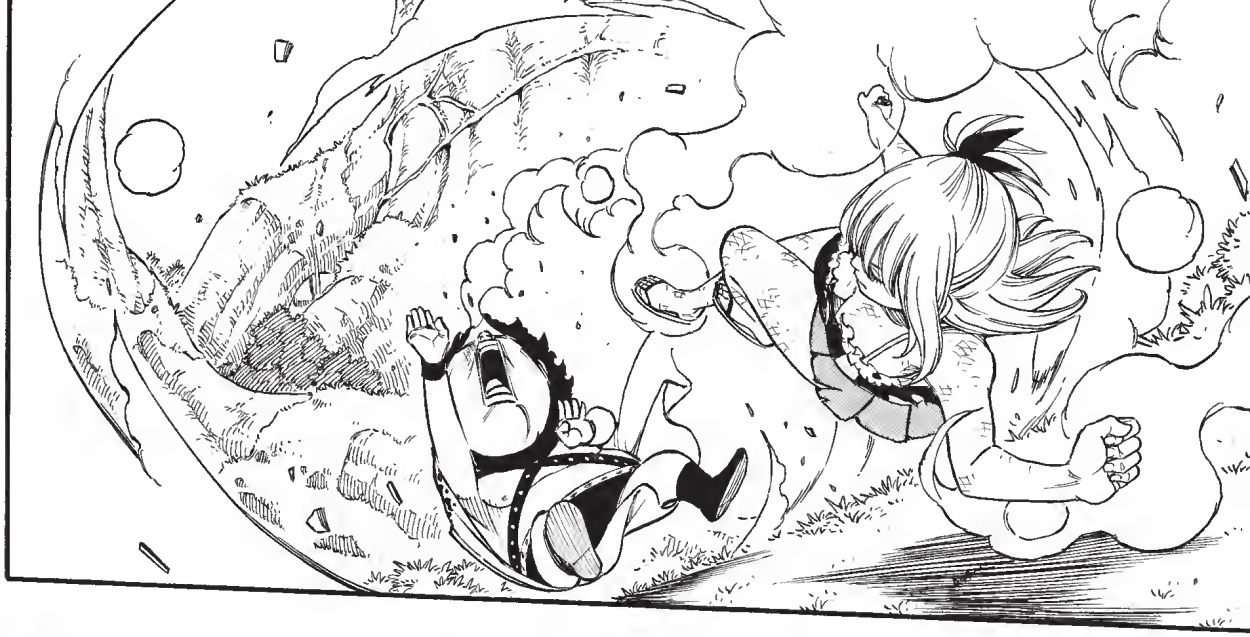
I just got an even better idea!
Wha?
BWOOGH
Hey!!!
I think I may be able to do this!!

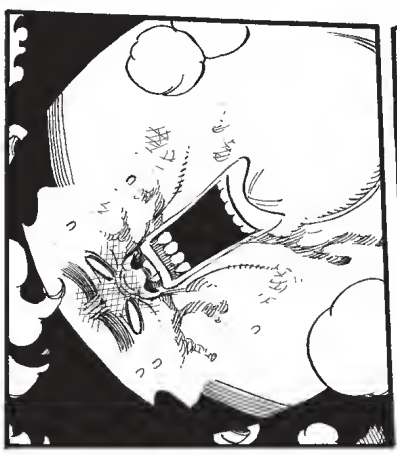

BWOOGH
... TEKKEN*! ♡
NO WAY !!
*Fire Dragon's...
Karyû no*...
Hey—

*Iron Fist! ♡

Aye!!!
Max speed!!!
That'll kill me!!!
Wh-What do you intend to do?!
Happy!!
You'll be okay! It doesn't hurt the one wielding it!
Maybe.
Aye, Sir!
HUP
VWOOM
VWOOM...
EYAAAHHHH!!
ROOO
It's not just my fist! My whole body's burning, you know!!!
OAR
Whaa ?!!!
ULTIMATE ATTACK !!!!
YAAAAAT AAAHH!!
あああああああ

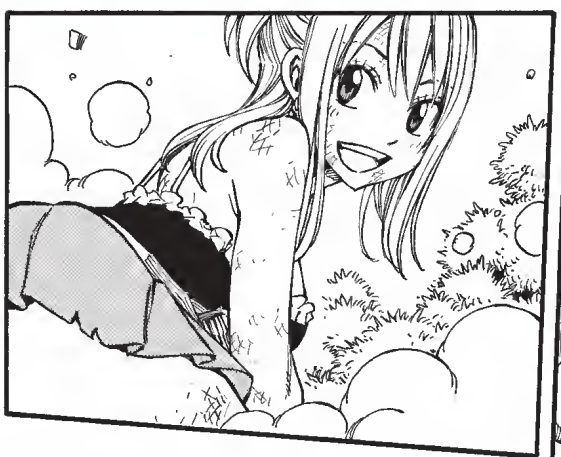
WEEEEE !!!!!
KA
AAAAAG
LUCY FIRE !!!!!!
FOOM

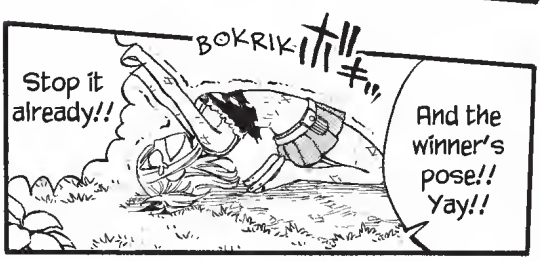




Woo-wee ...
SHABOOM

D... Do-Dosko...
D-Do...




BOKRIK
Stop it already!!
And the winner's pose!! Yay!!

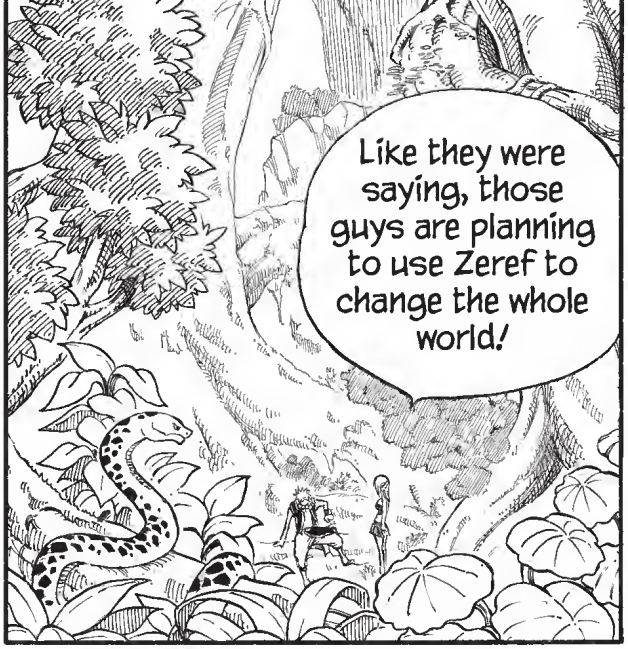
Aye, Sir!!!
Did it!!!!

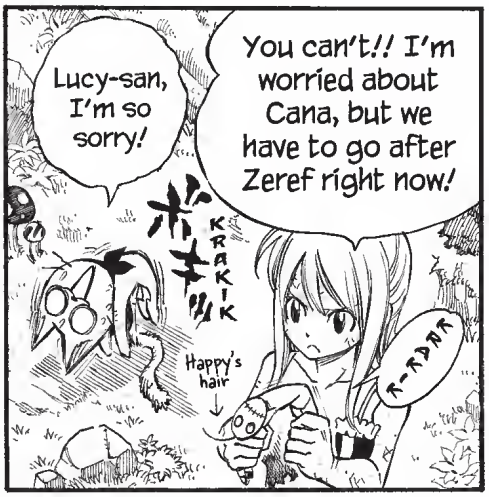
NNEEH!
GRRRRR
We're pulling as hard as we can!!
GRN
GRN
GRN
Put more muscle into it...
Aye!!
Hey!!
PSH
Oh yeah!!
I wonder why Natsu can't just use his fire to melt the rocks away.

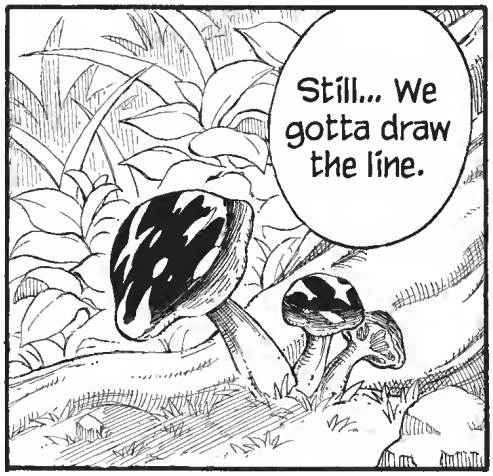
Chapter 228: Rain Soaked the 18th Woman

A rejected splash page. I just couldn't seem to get the patterns on the clothing to look right.

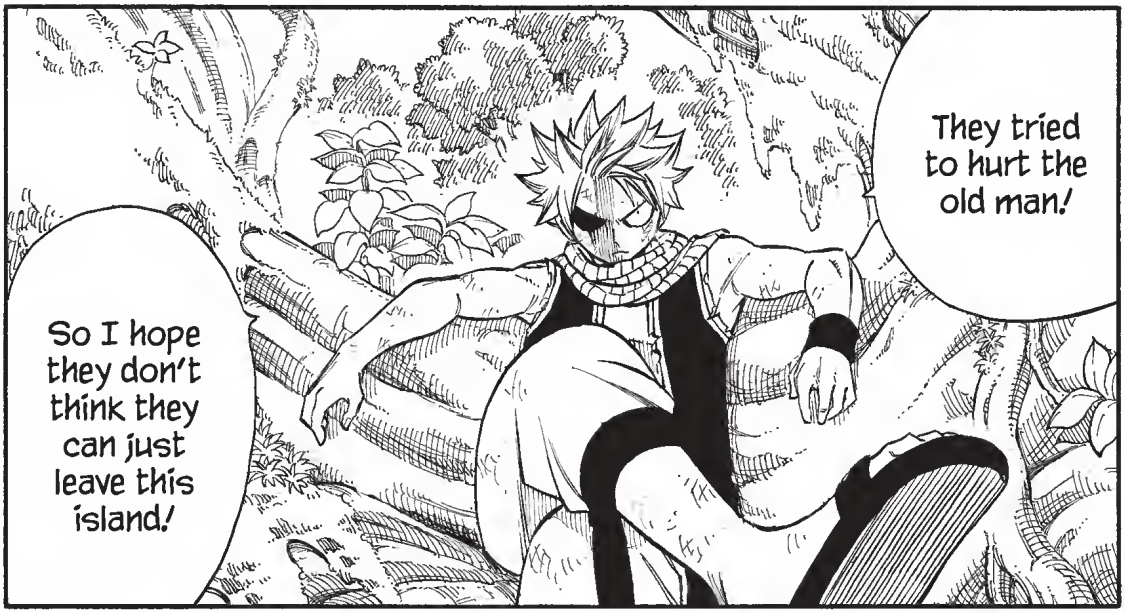
You're saying Zeref was here?
He's gone!
They took him away already!
What're you lifting your leg for?
I have to go find Cana!
FWIP
What's this smell...?!! She must've spread some other scent to confuse me!
I can't follow this scent!
Dang. Maybe I'll take a nap.

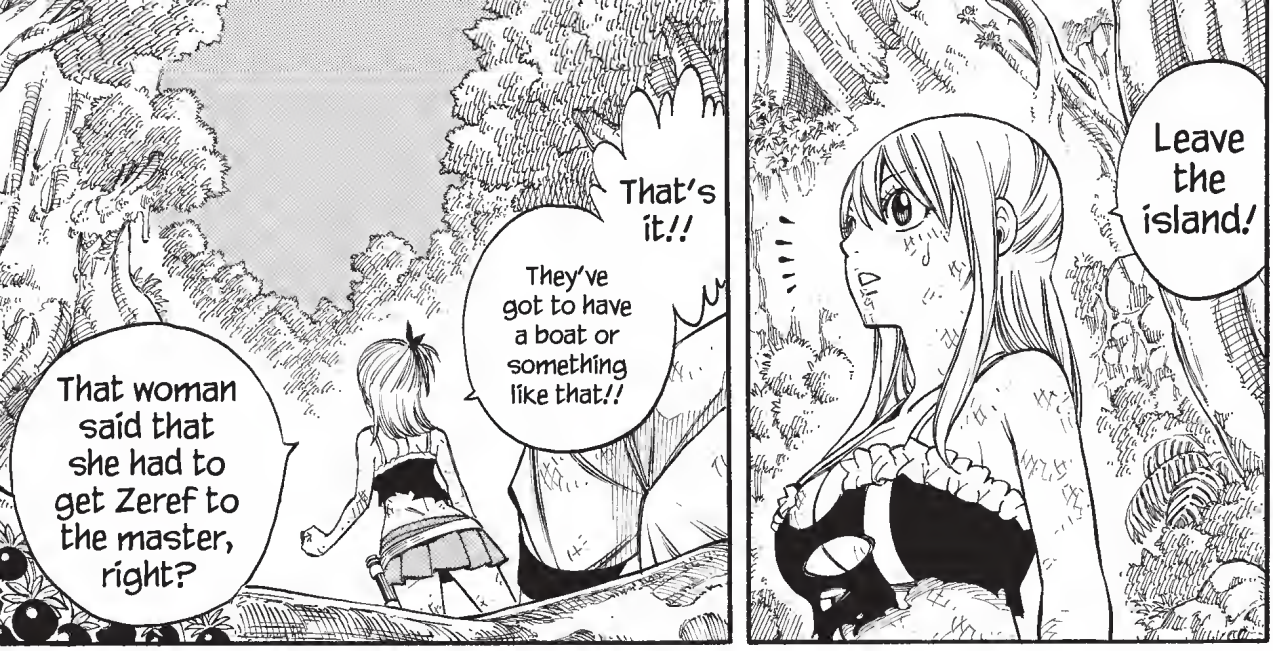

Like they were saying, those guys are planning to use Zeref to change the whole world!

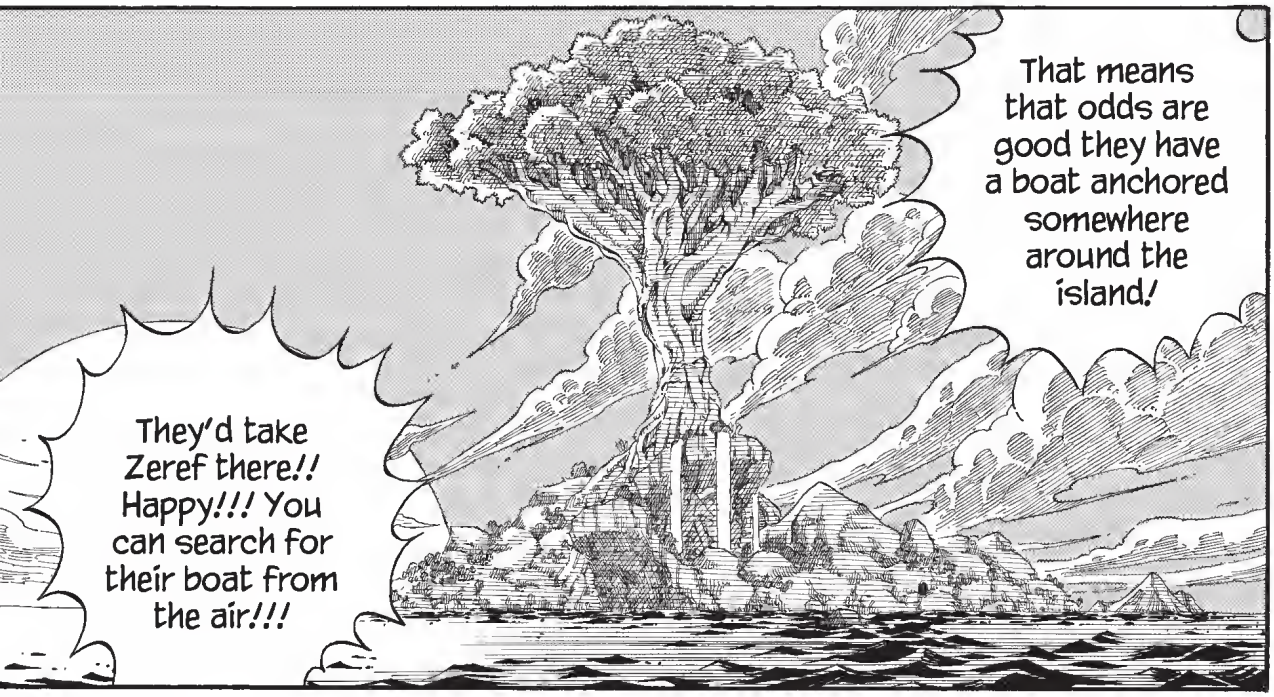

Lucy-san, I'm so sorry!
You can't!! I'm worried about Cana, but we have to go after Zeref right now!
KRAK!K
Happy's hair
K-KNK

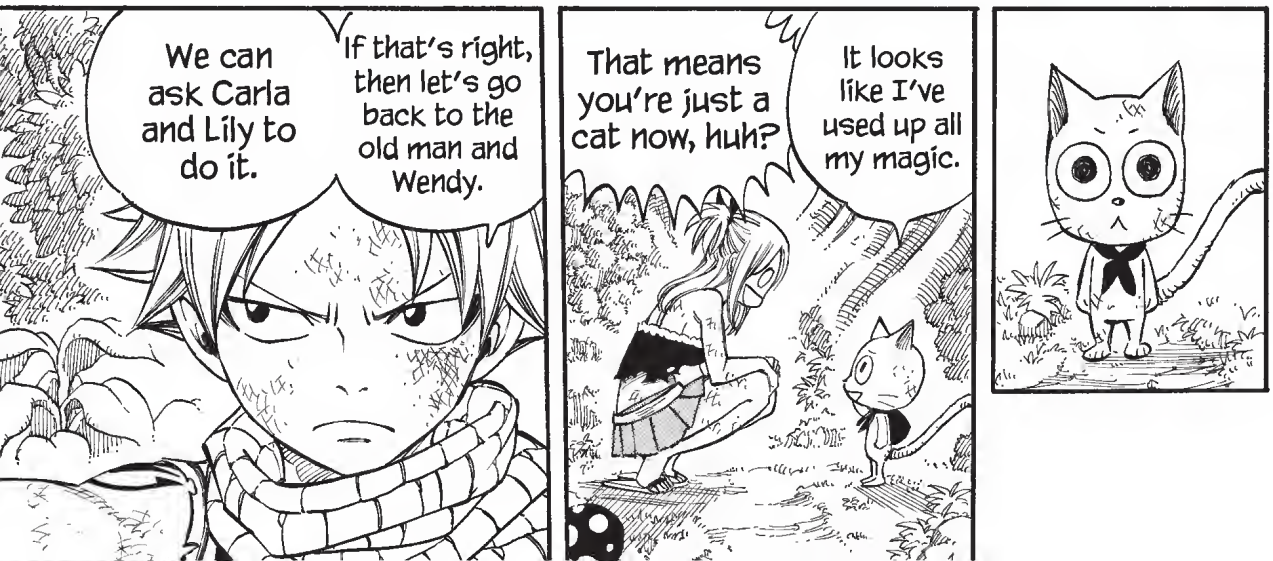

Still... We gotta draw the line.

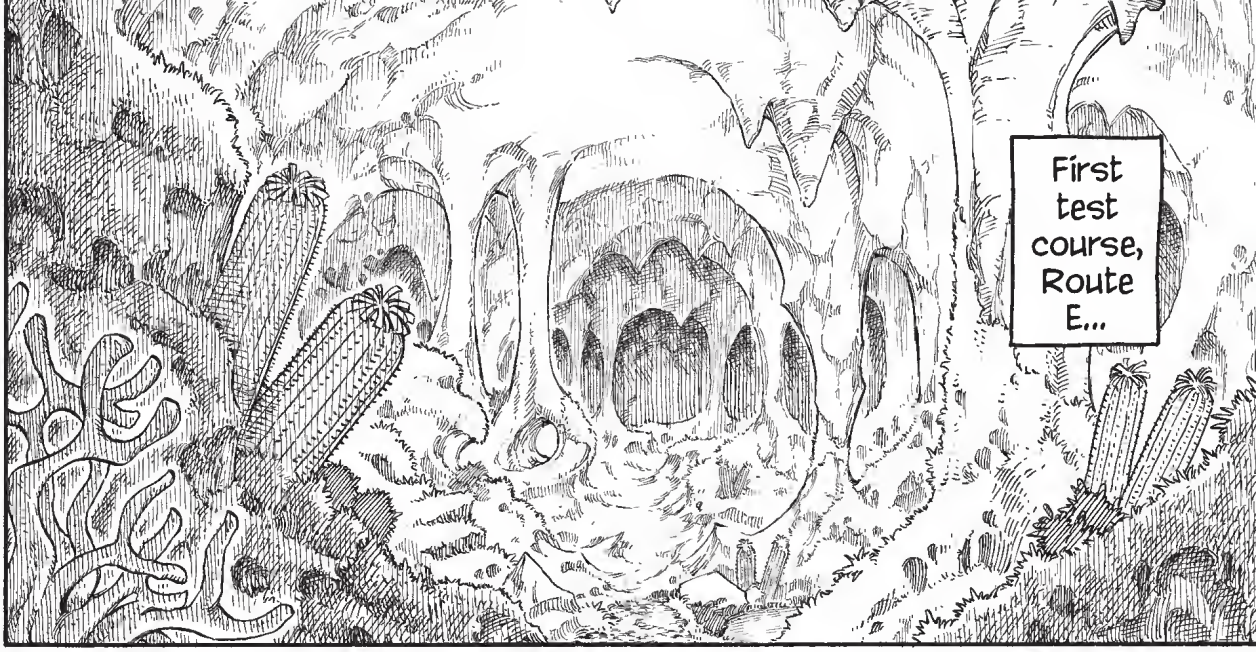
Don't you think it's a little too large-scale?
That "change the world" stuff...
I want to go to a world of just fish!
SLUMP

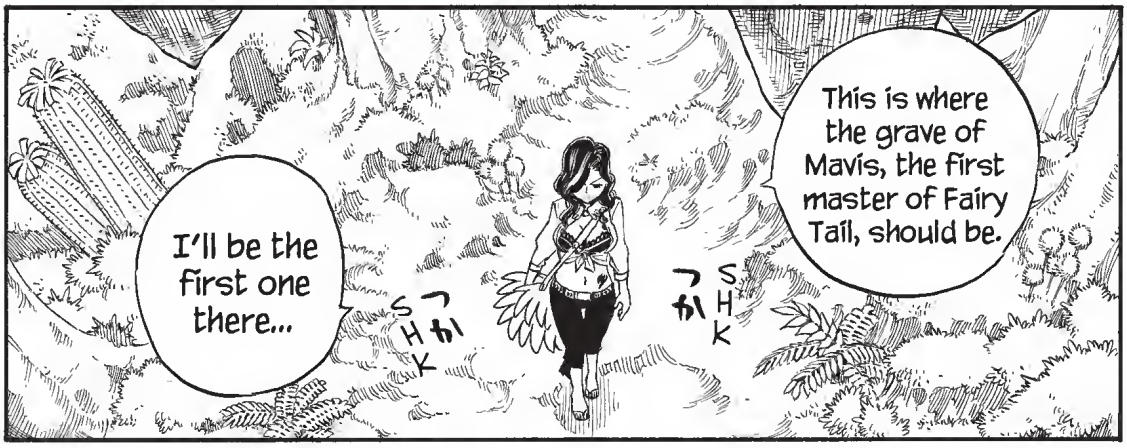

They tried to hurt the old man!
So I hope they don't think they can just leave this island!

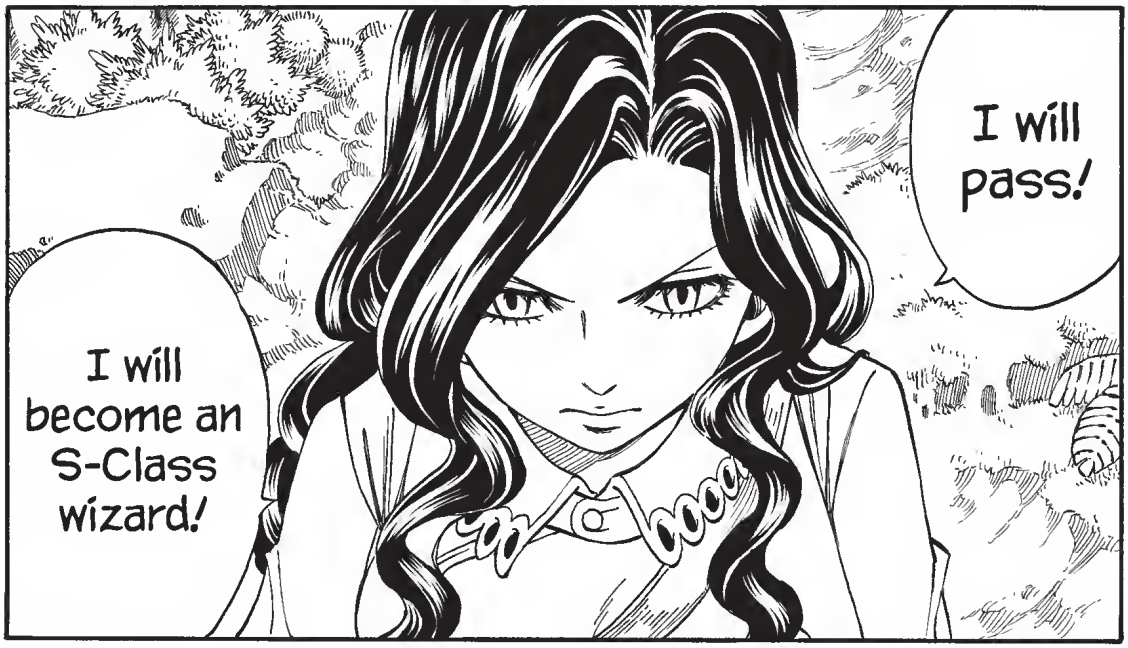

That woman said that she had to get Zeref to the master, right?
That's it!!
They've got to have a boat or something like that!!
Leave the island!

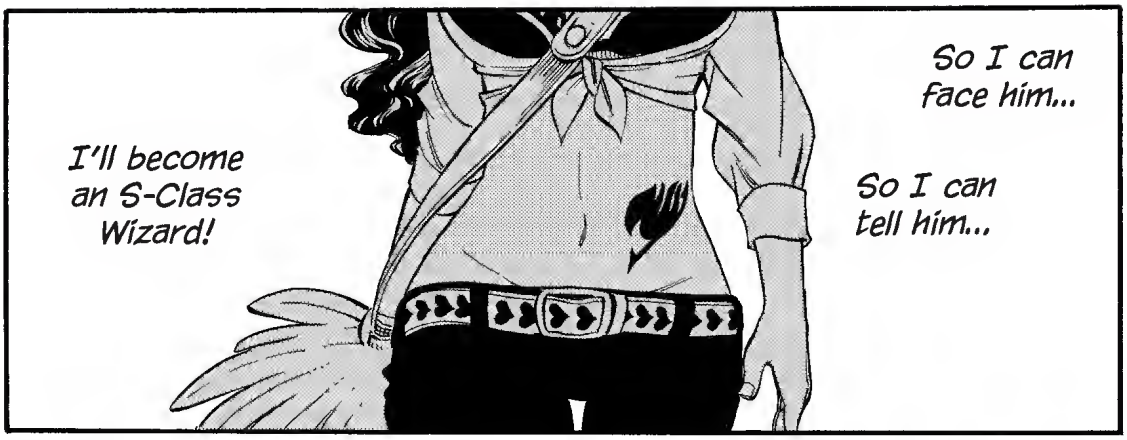

They'd take Zeref there!! Happy!!! You can search for their boat from the air!!!
That means that odds are good they have a boat anchored somewhere around the island!

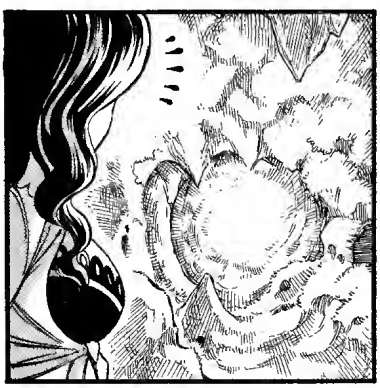

We can ask Carla and Lily to do it.
If that's right, then let's go back to the old man and Wendy.
That means you're just a cat now, huh?
It looks like I've used up all my magic.


First test course, Route E...


I'll be the first one there...
This is where the grave of Mavis, the first master of Fairy Tail, should be.

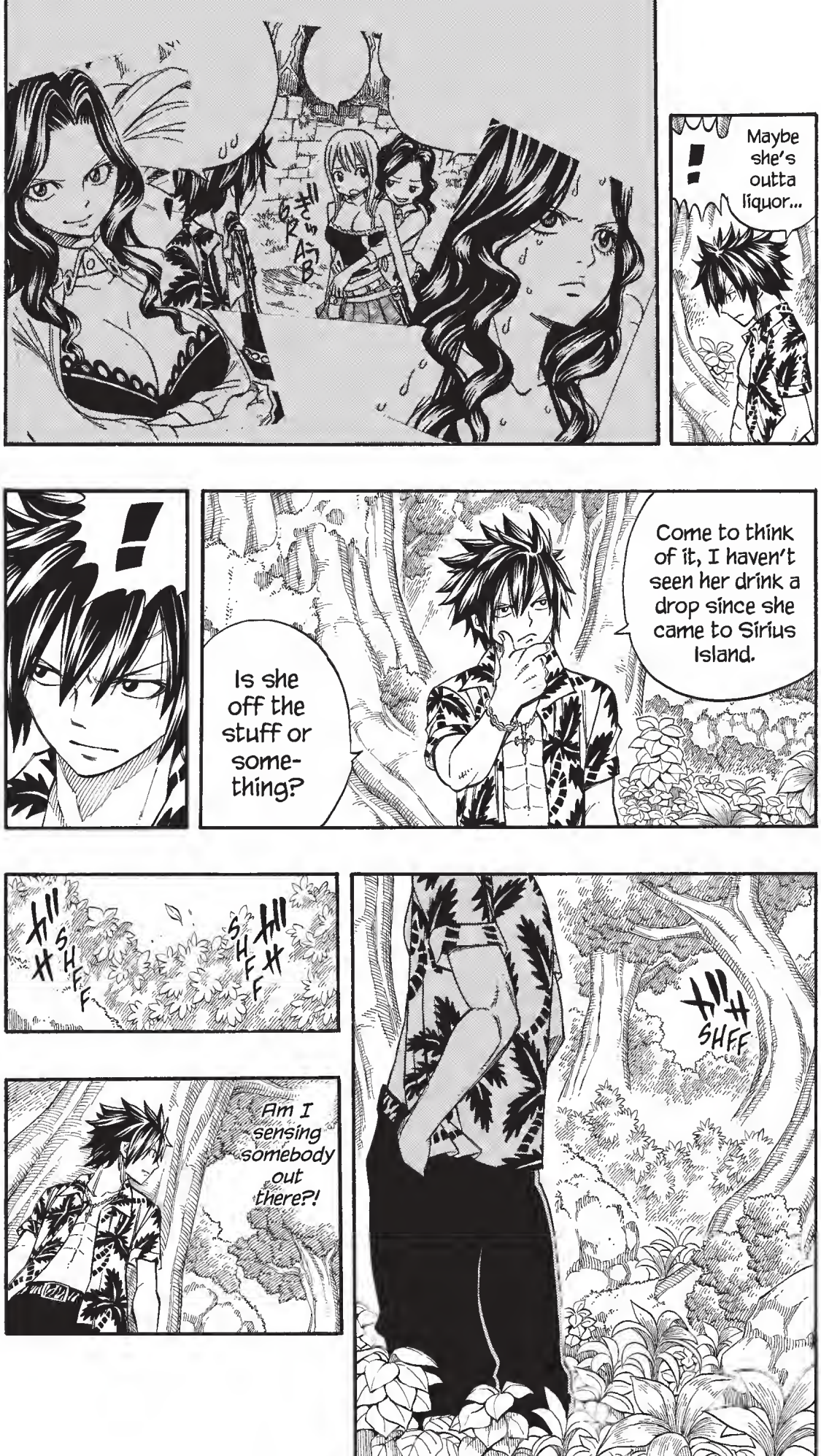

I will become an S-Class wizard!
I will pass!


I'll become an S-Class Wizard!
So I can face him...
So I can tell him...



Dam-mit!
Cana seemed so grumpy!
SHK
SHK

Light ...

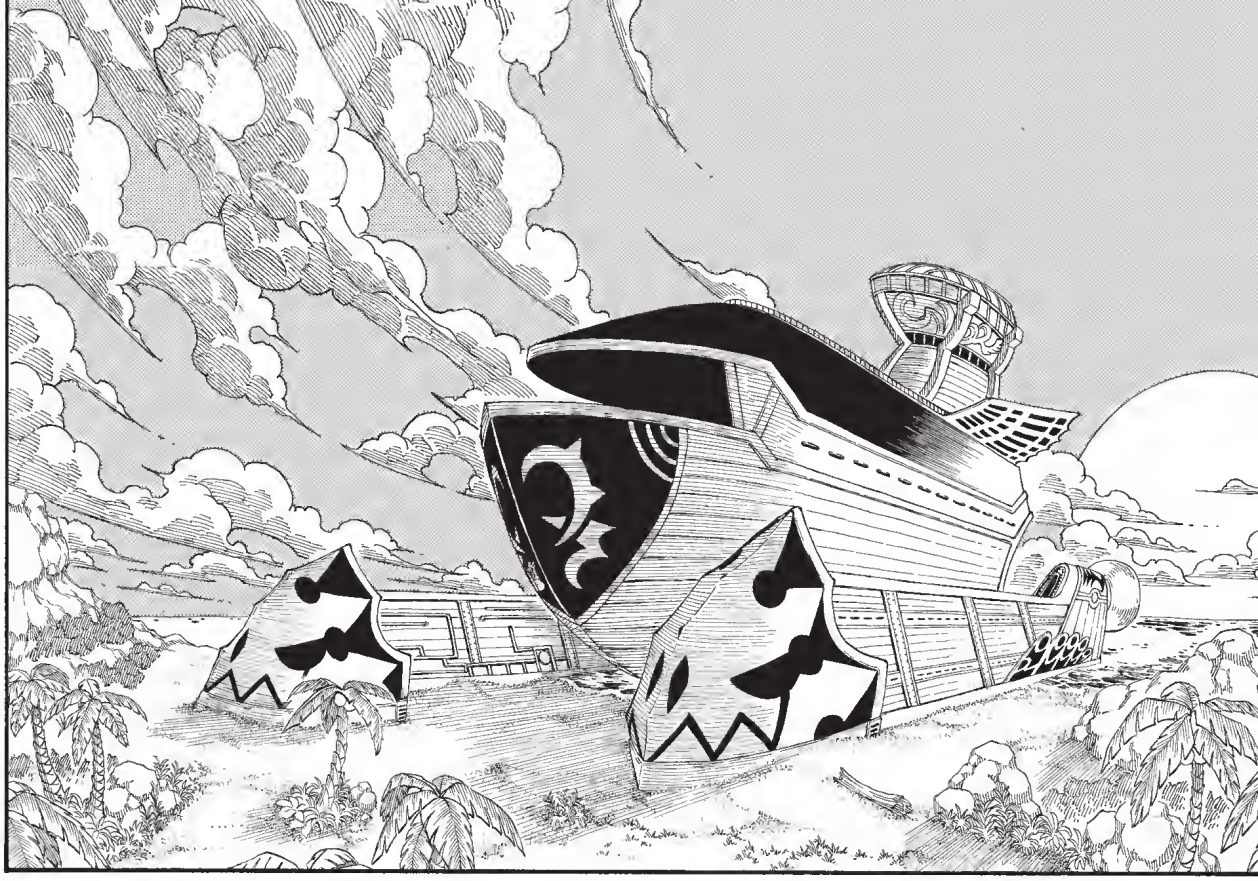

ぎゅっ
Maybe she's outta liquor...
Come to think of it, I haven't seen her drink a drop since she came to Sirius Island.
Is she off the stuff or some-thing?
SHFF
SHFF
SHFF
Am I sensing somebody out there?!

You will soon become the true king...
ZHF
ZHF
ZHF
...
Zeref!
ZHF
ZHF
ZHF

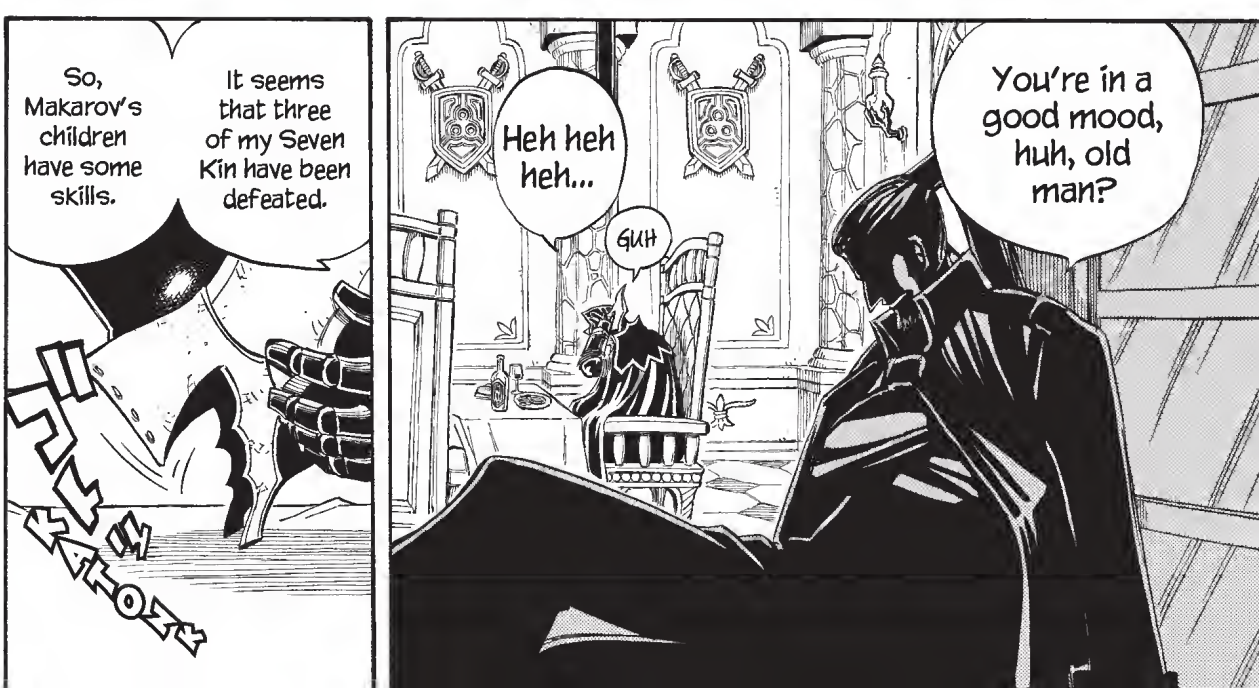
Did she say Zeref?!
That guy she's carrying ...?

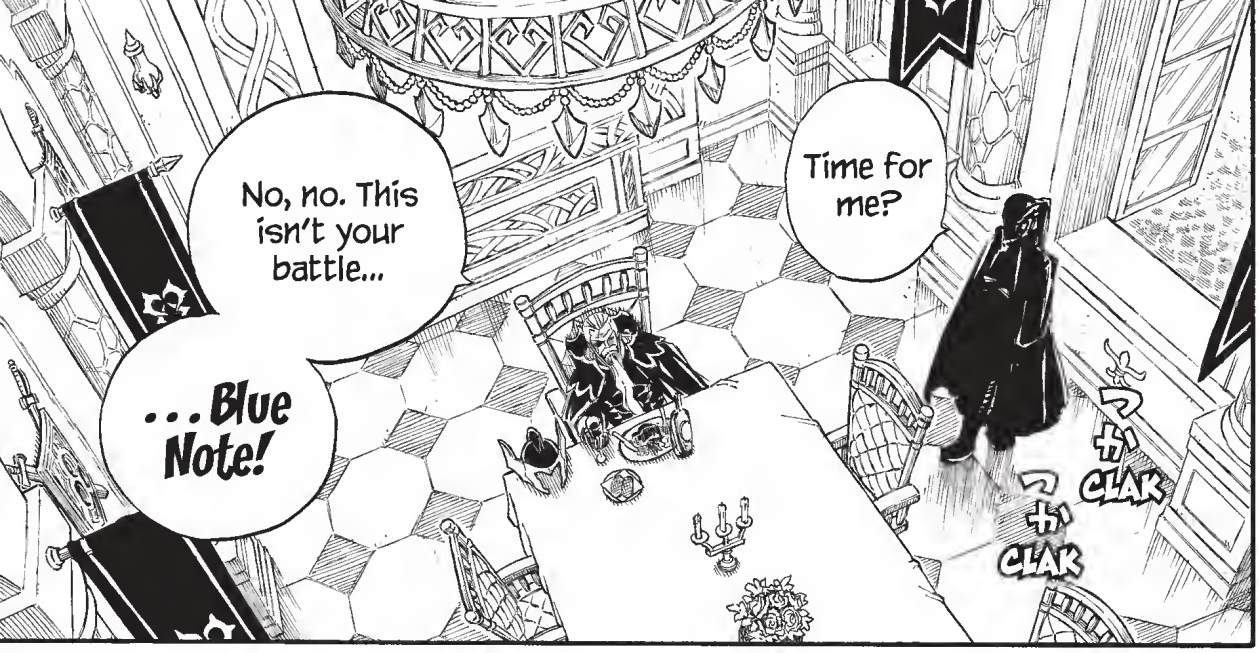
Ur
?!!

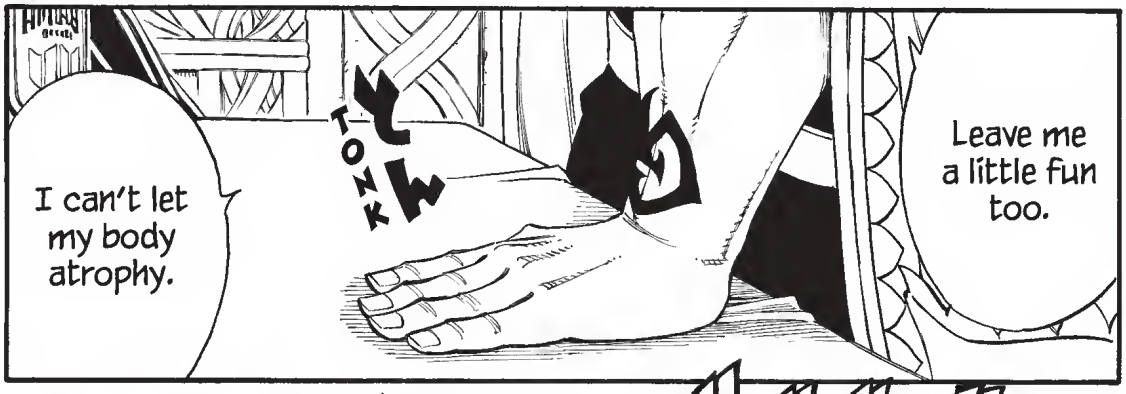
KLNCH
No... She's Grimoire Heart!
The enemy!
Like my master...
Ur...
She looks like her...
Who the hell is that woman...?



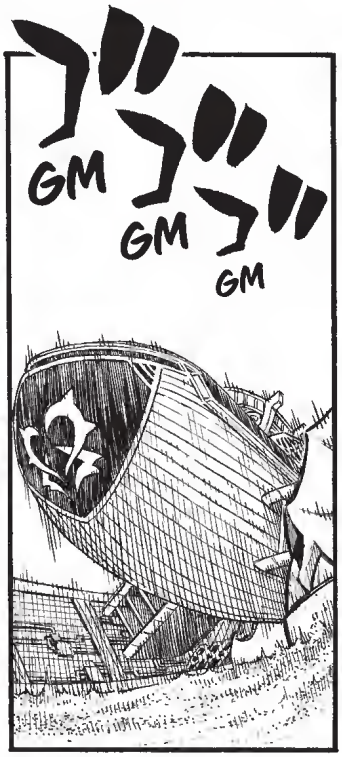
Delight-
ful!
Ah
ha ha
ha ha
ha!


So,
Makarov's
children
have some
skills.
It seems
that three
of my Seven
Kin have been
defeated.
ZZZZ
KATOZZ
Heh heh
heh...
GUH
You're in a
good mood,
huh, old
man?


No, no. This isn't your battle...
...Blue Note!
Time for me?
CLAK
CLAK


I can't let my body atrophy.
TONK
Leave me a little fun too.

ZN
ZN
ZN


GM
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KATAN
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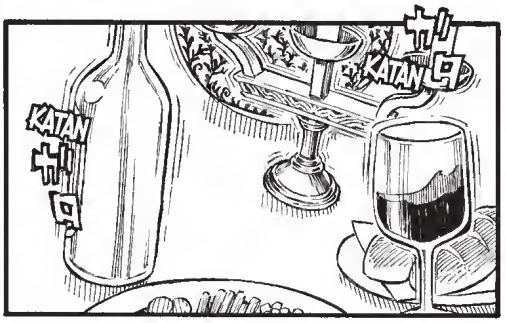
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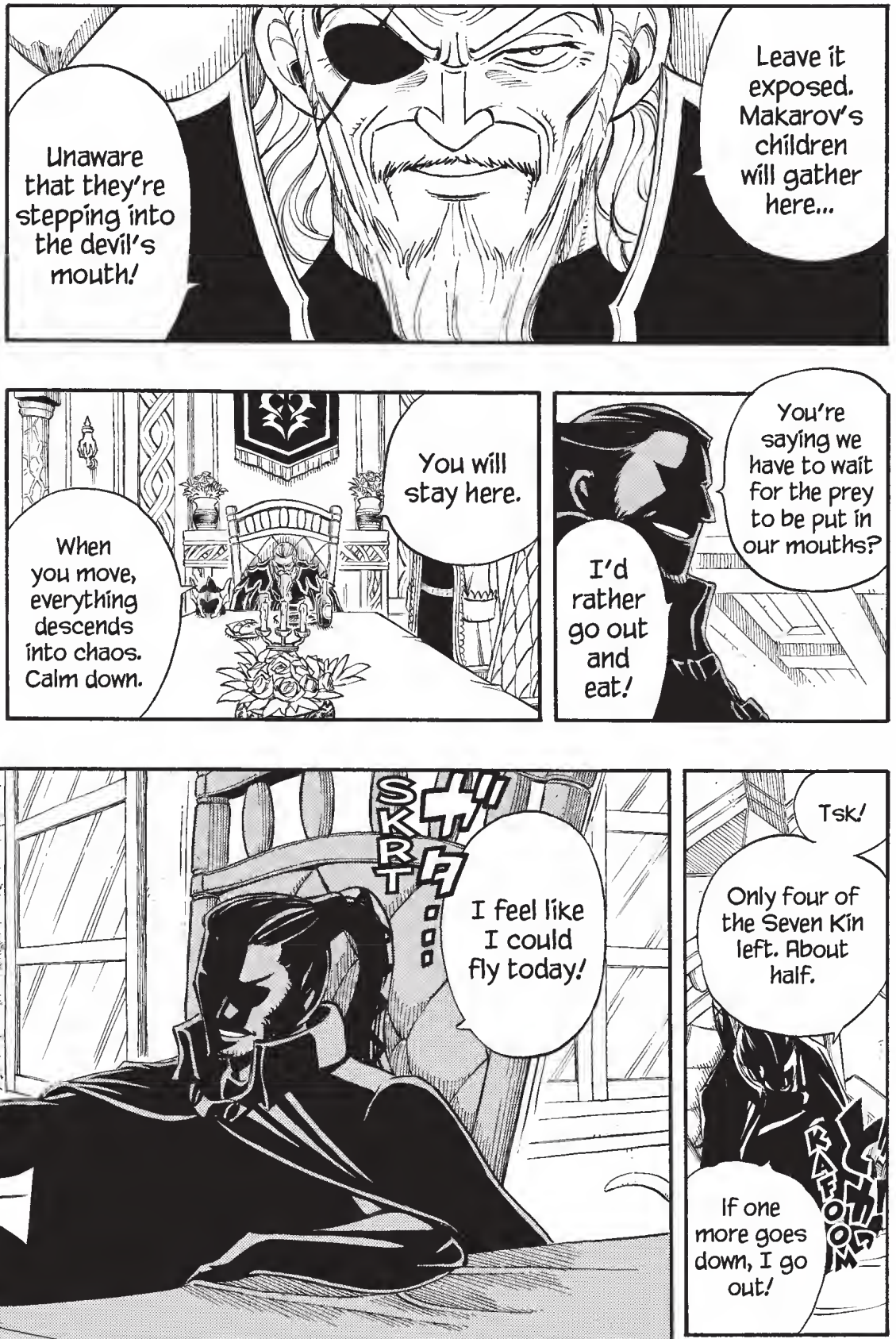
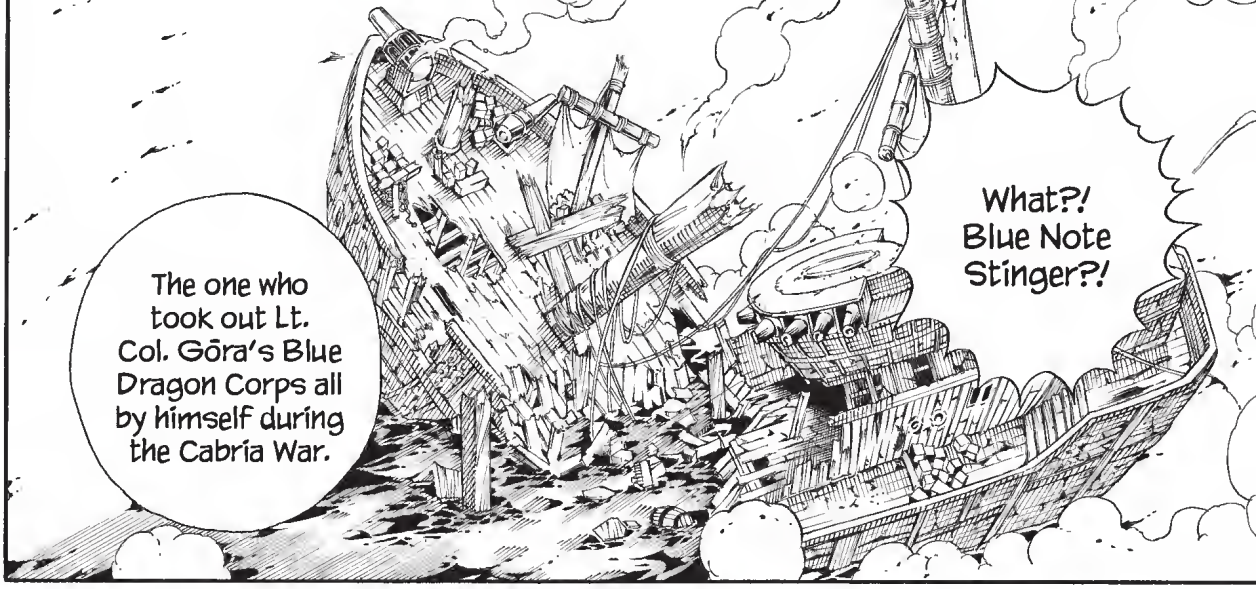
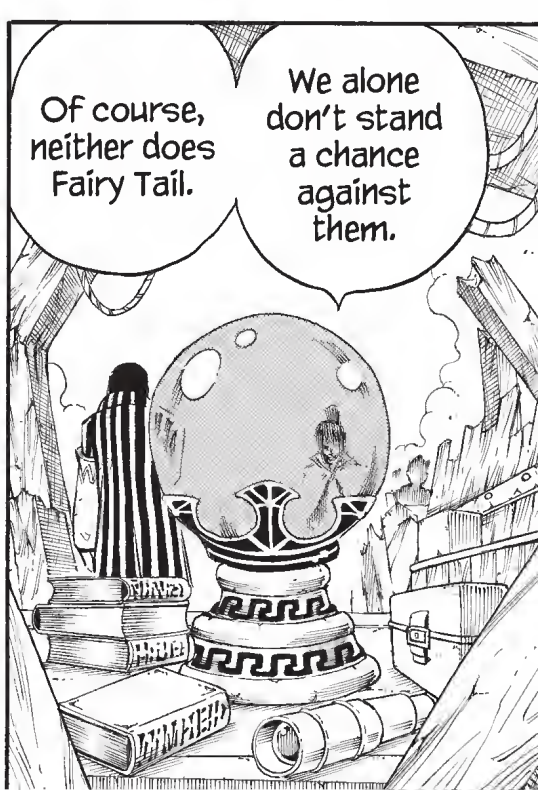

Leave it exposed. Makarov's children will gather here...
Unaware that they're stepping into the devil's mouth!
You will stay here.
When you move, everything descends into chaos. Calm down.
You're saying we have to wait for the prey to be put in our mouths?
I'd rather go out and eat!
SKRT
I feel like I could fly today!
Tsk!
Only four of the Seven Kin left. About half.
KABOOM
If one more goes down, I go out!


The one who took out Lt. Col. Gōra's Blue Dragon Corps all by himself during the Cabria War.
What?! Blue Note Stinger?!

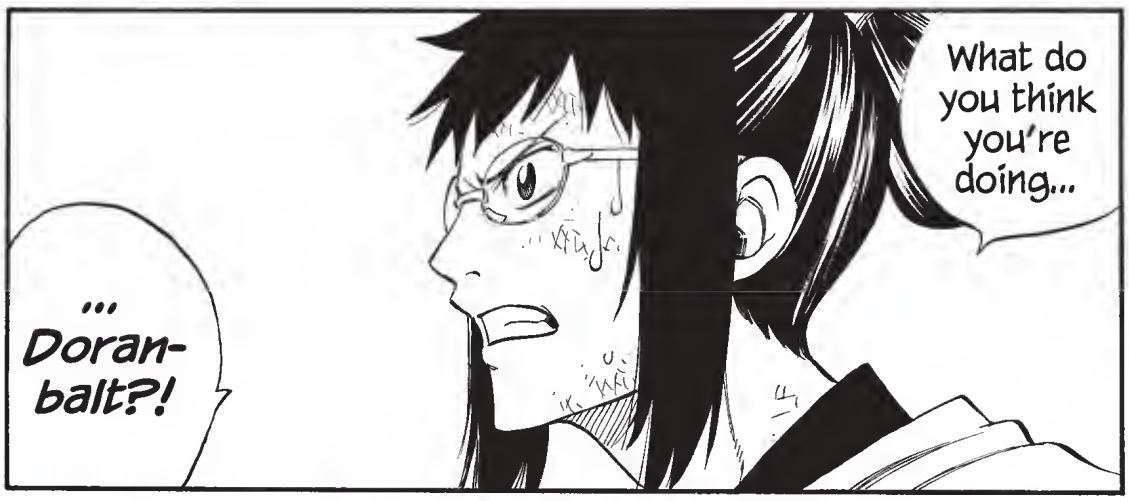
A monster like that...
...is in Grimoire Heart ...?!

They say he's a great wizard who doesn't even leave weeds alive on the paths he walks.

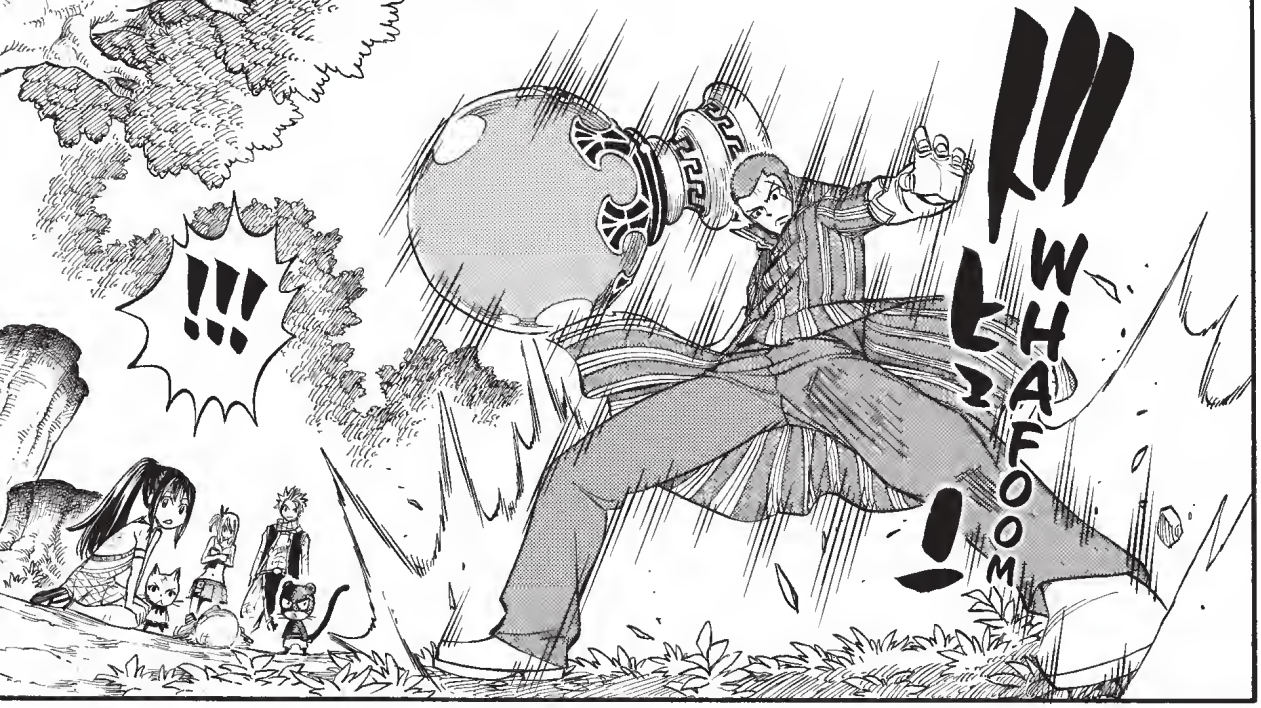
Let's contact headquarters immediately.
It isn't our place to guess what their decision will be.

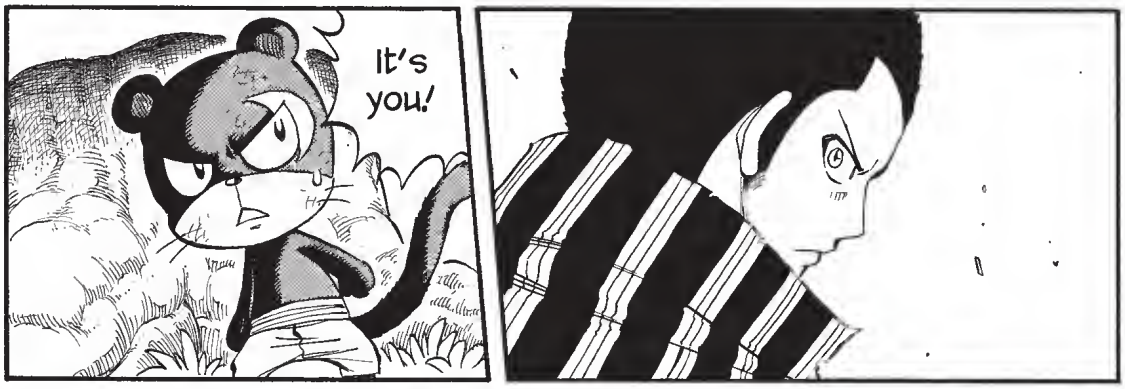

Of course, neither does Fairy Tail.
We alone don't stand a chance against them.

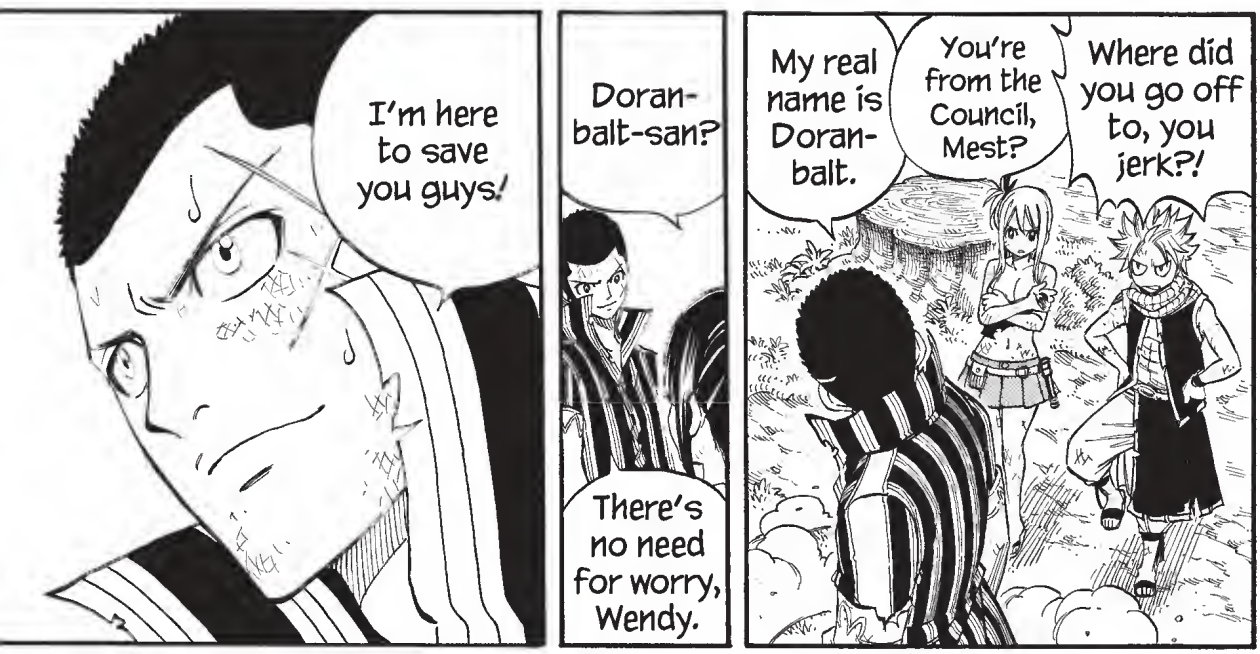
F-For what?!
Just give me a little time.
GRAB
!
?!
WOOM
Doranbalt-sama!!
He took the communica-tions lacrima with him!
We'll be late contacting HQ!

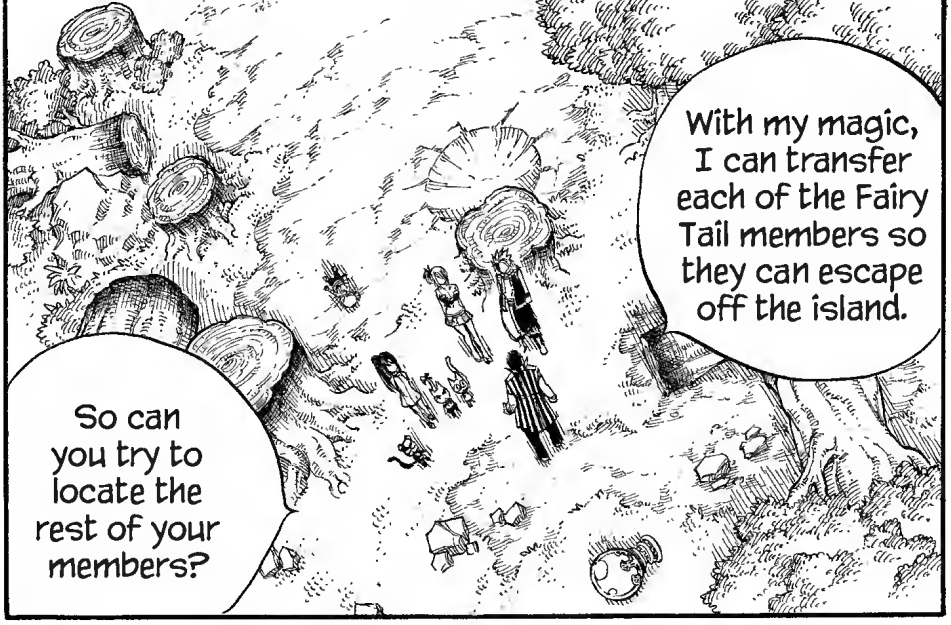

What do you think you're doing...
...Doran-balt?!

How's the master doing?!
I can't say for sure yet...
Natsu-san!! And Lucy-san too!!
And Happy, too.
Wendy!!
!
DMP
DMP
DMP
DMP

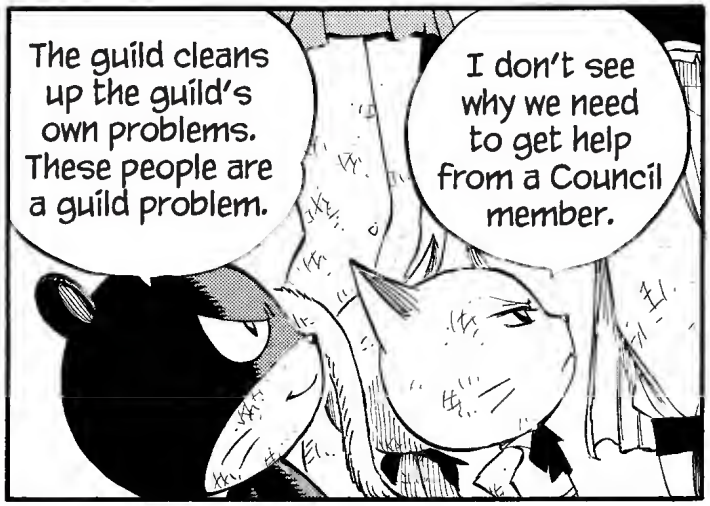

!!!
WHAFOOM


It's you!

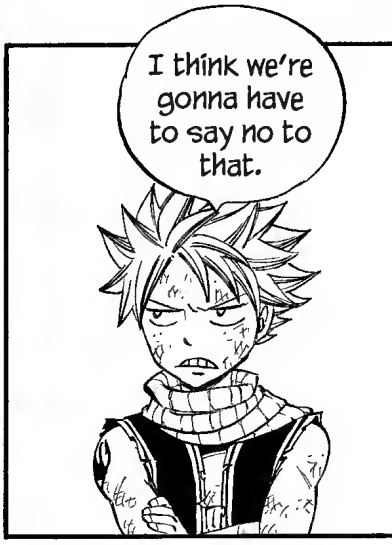

I'm here to save you guys!
Doran-balt-san?
There's no need for worry, Wendy.
My real name is Doran-balt.
You're from the Council, Mest?
Where did you go off to, you jerk?!


So can you try to locate the rest of your members?
With my magic, I can transfer each of the Fairy Tail members so they can escape off the island.

What?
?!

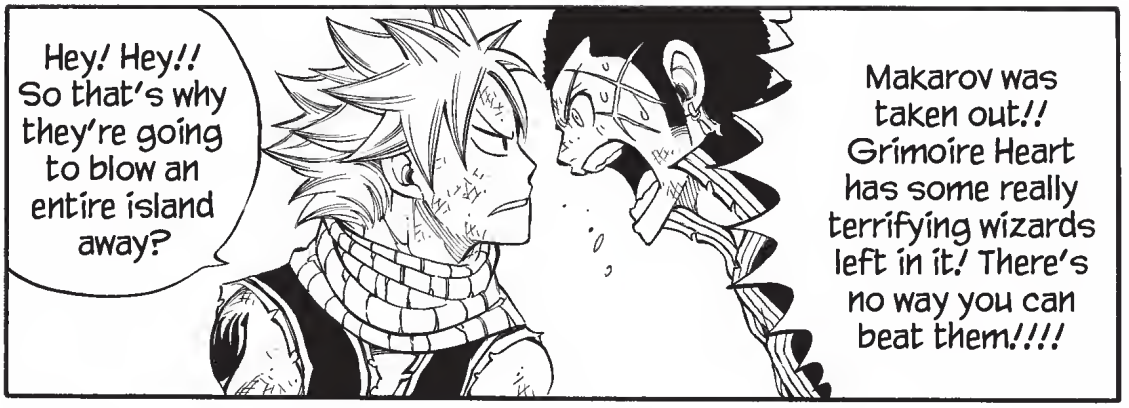

The guild cleans up the guild's own problems. These people are a guild problem.
I don't see why we need to get help from a Council member.

Huh?


I think we're gonna have to say no to that.

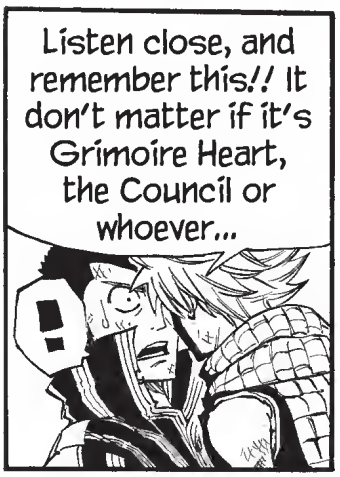
All we gotta do is clean up here before that happens.

You guys never learn...
They want to send down Etherion again?!
That isn't what's going on here!! If a report of what's going on gets back to HQ, they'll attack the entire island!!!


Hey! Hey!! So that's why they're going to blow an entire island away?
Makarov was taken out!! Grimoire Heart has some really terrifying wizards left in it! There's no way you can beat them!!!!

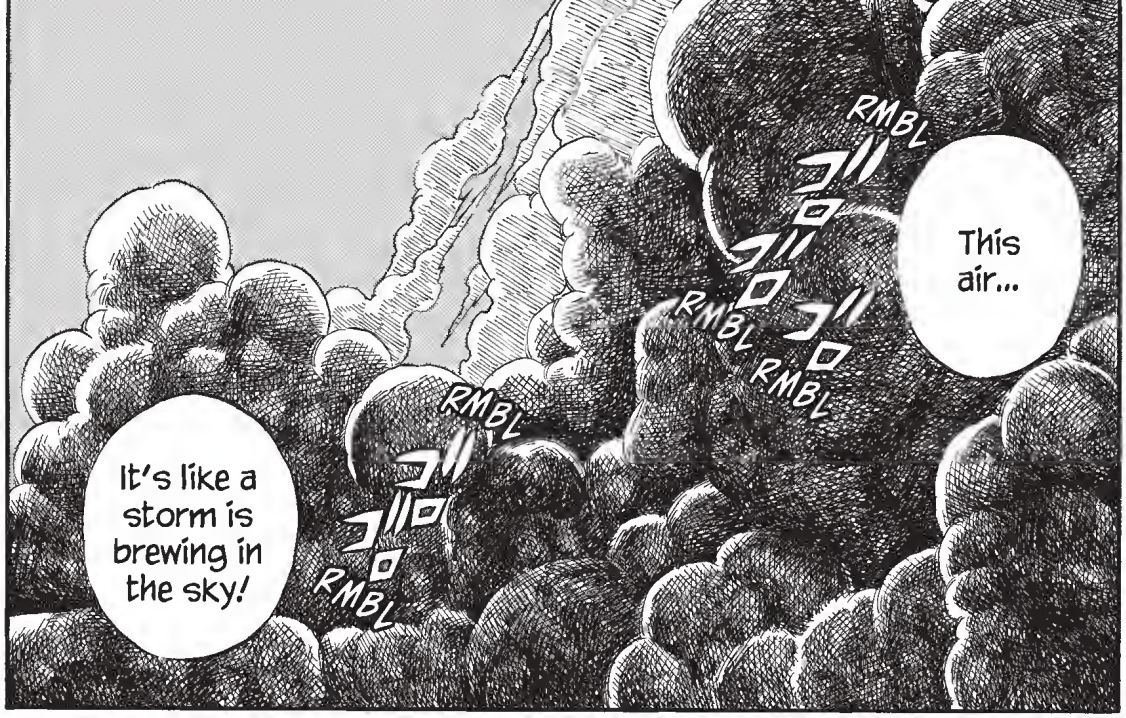
I just don't believe this!! If they try it, we won't take it lying down!!!
We've been protecting our own guild all along!

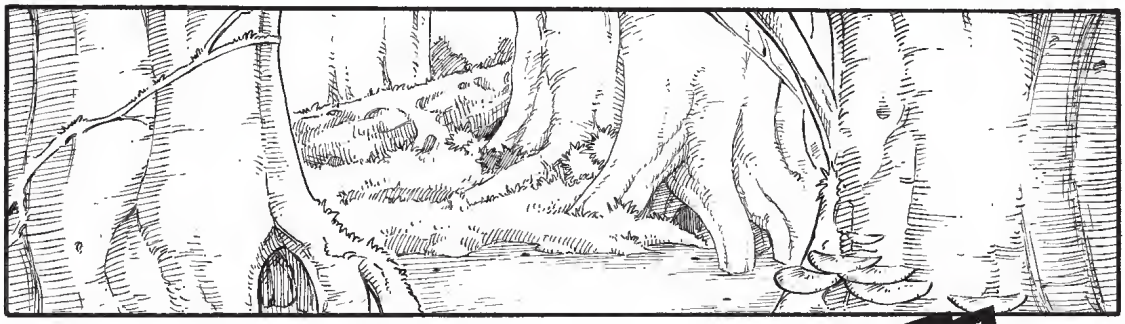
This island is sacred ground for our guild, and it's home to the grave of our first master.
For you people to attack it this way...


Listen close, and remember this!! It don't matter if it's Grimoire Heart, the Council or whoever...

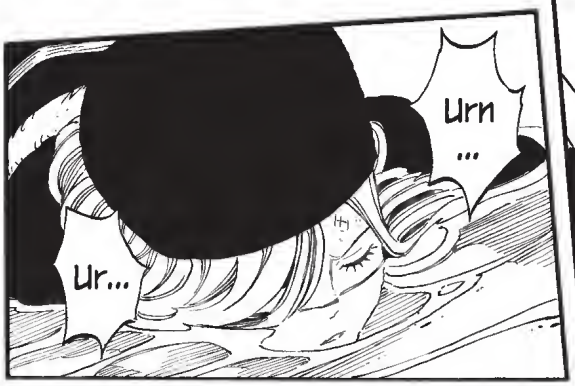
You intend to stand against the Council ?!!!
One puny guild ?!!!

Our guild is a family! Anyone who raises a hand against our family is an enemy!!!
And we'll destroy them!!!!
ゴゴゴ RRRMBL
ゴゴゴ RRRMB
ゴゴゴ RRRMBL


RMBL
This air...
RMBL
RMBL
RMBL
It's like a storm is brewing in the sky!
RMBL



Juvia!!

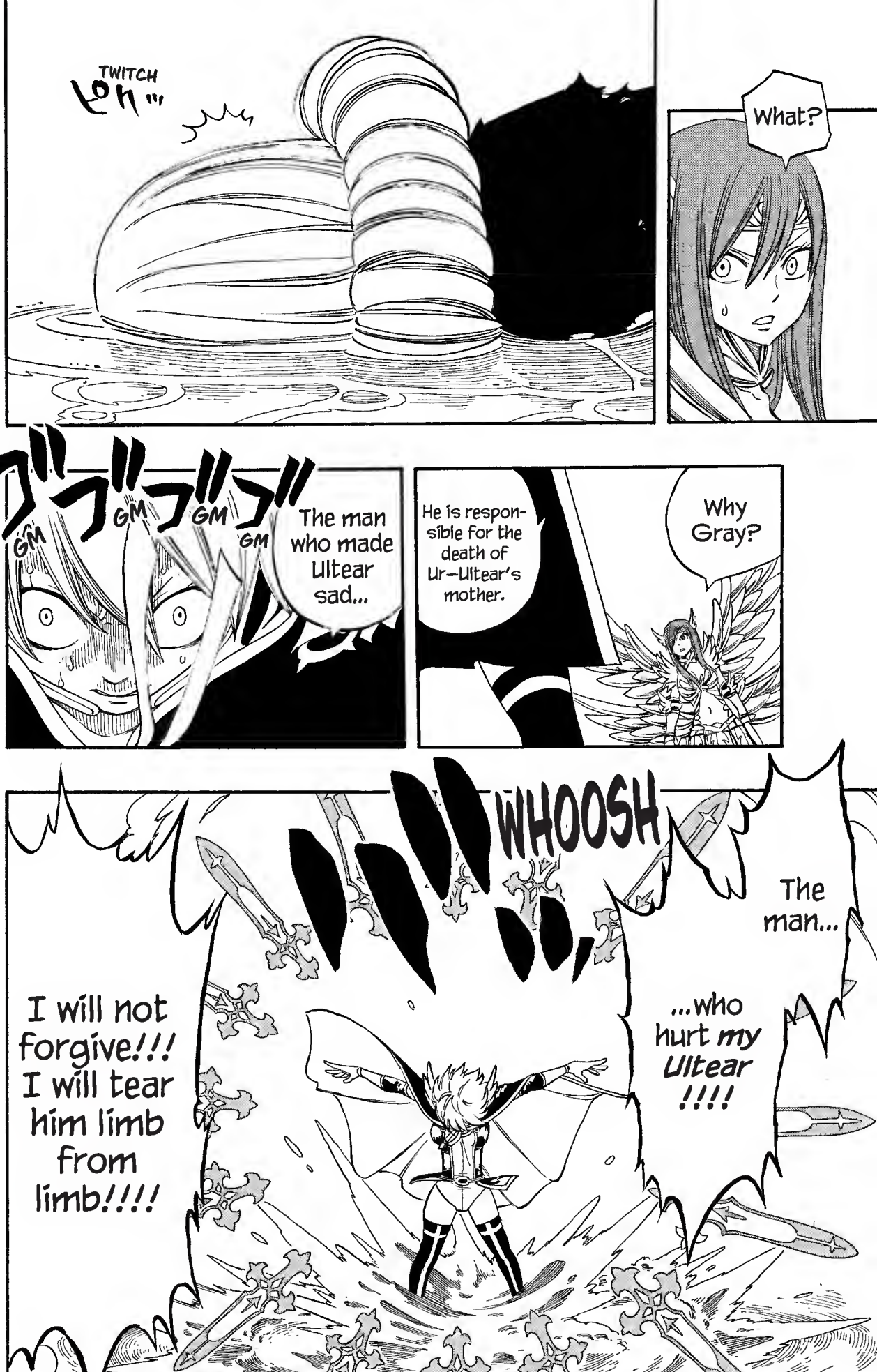

Urn ...
Ur...

SPLASH
Waaaah!!!!

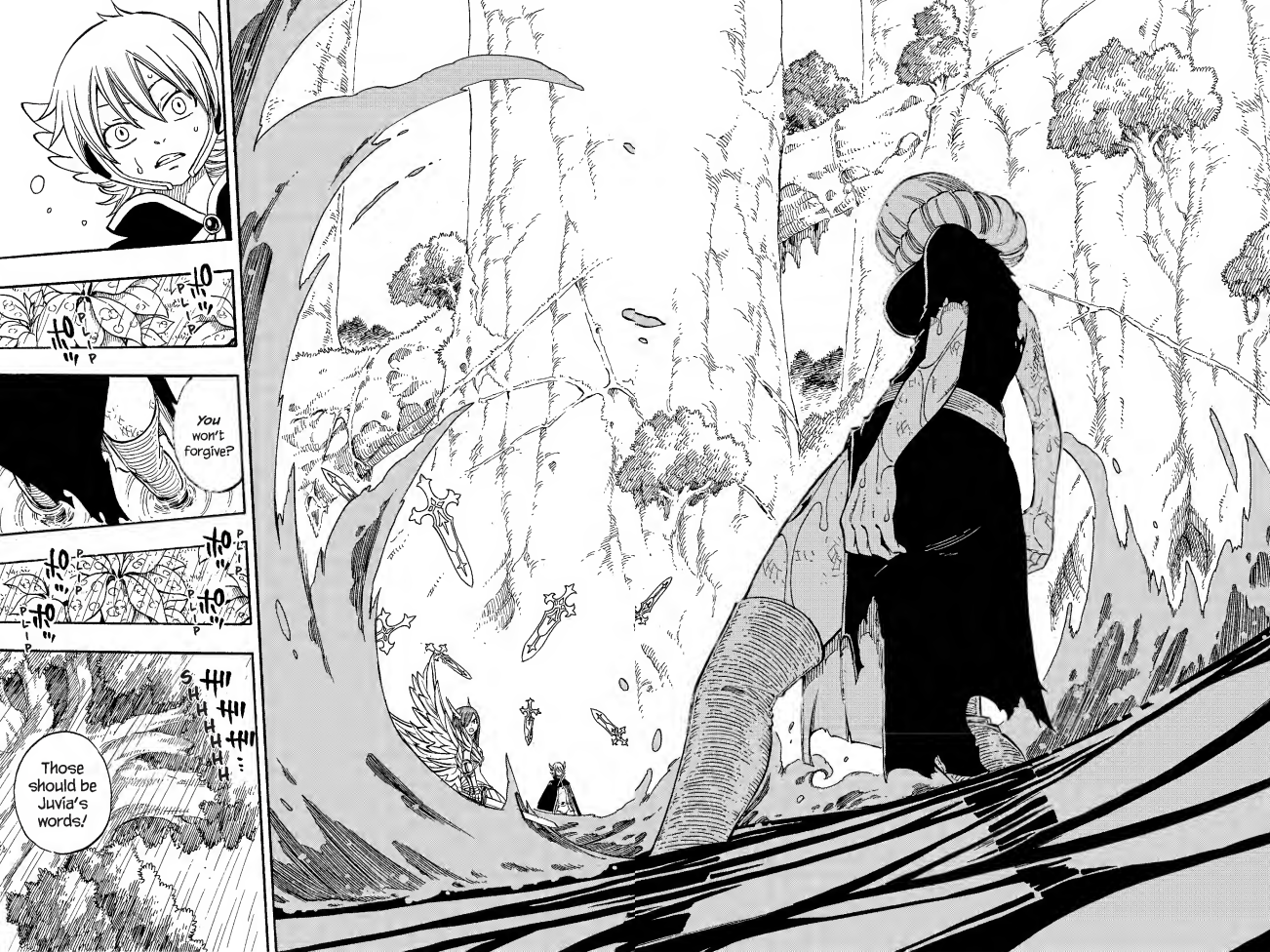
You are number 4.
Erza Scarlet?
GYUUM
Get some distance. I'll take her on!
Ngh...
SPASH
Number 13.
Priority list I made for killing you.
ZMMMMM
KEEEEEEN
What's that number mean?
It's very important.
Pathetic!
KEEN
GAGH
GIAKEEEEEEN

DM
DM
DM
DM
DM
DM
YAAAAAAA!!!
Why aim at Juvia?!!
Because no. 13 is simply trash.
It must be cleaned up first.
Hang in there, Juvia!!!
Juvia is...
BLASSSH

No. 2 is Makarov.
No. 3 is Gildarts.
Kh!
However, I believe that Hades-sama took care of him.
However, it seems he is no longer on the island.
You're saying the master is no. 2?!
That means there's someone you see as a higher priority than the master?
ZHWAA
No. 1 is Gray!
Gray Fullbuster!


TWITCH
What?
GM GM GM GM
The man who made Ultear sad...
He is responsible for the death of Ur—Ultear's mother.
Why Gray?
WHOOSH
The man...
...who hurt my Ultear !!!!
I will not forgive!!! I will tear him limb from limb!!!!

SHUSSH
SHAKEEEN
Damn!!
ZU
VAT
!!
VAT
VAT
VAT
ZUUUUUSH


You won't forgive?
Those should be Juvia's words!

SHHHH
SHHHH
Just whose life...
...were you going to take, exactly?
SHHHH
H-Hey! Calm down!

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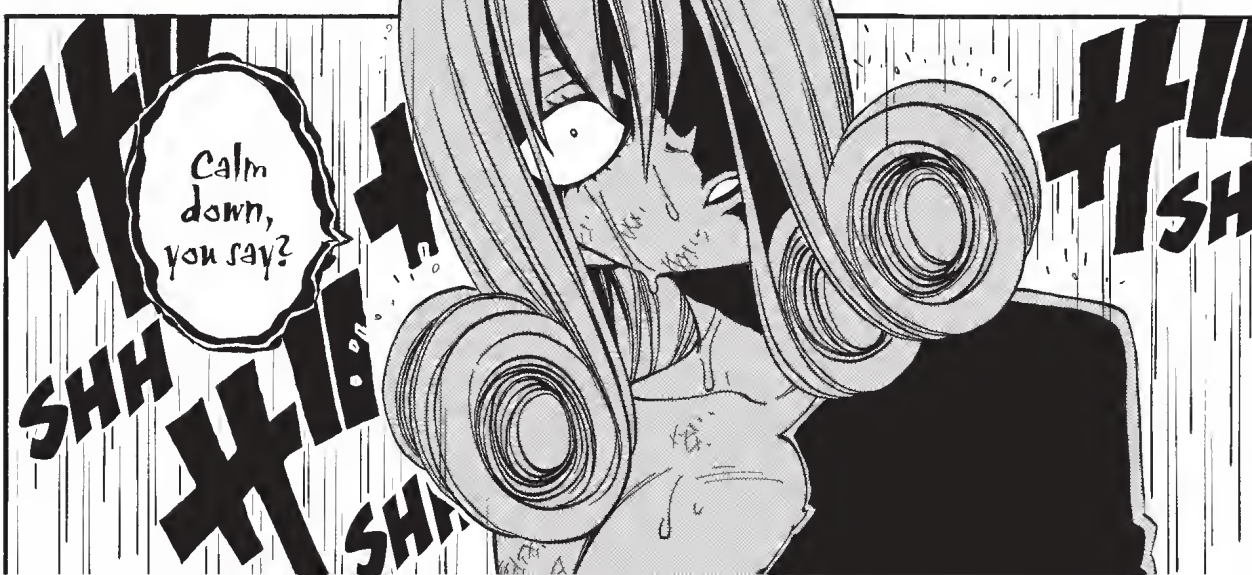
Chapter 229: Dead End of Despair

RUMBLE...

C-Calm down, Juvia!
She's only 13th!
Wh-What's with her?


Calm down, you say?
SHH
SHH

...tell Juvia to...
...stay calm?
SWAY
And you...
No... Um...
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
This woman is hunting Gray-sama...
For such an absurd reason.
Juvia will not forgive this woman!!!!
!!

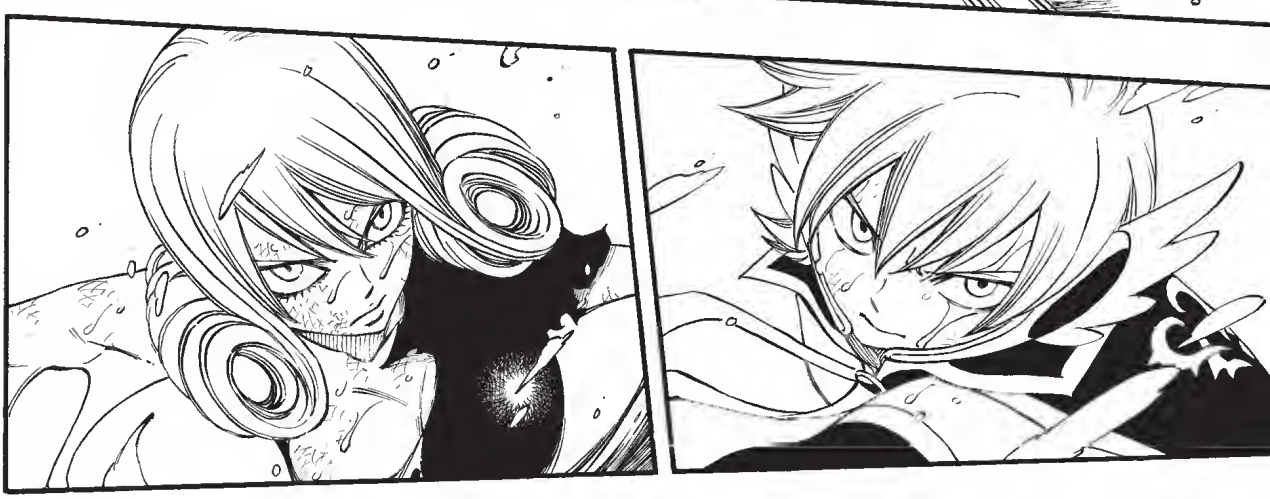
KH!
DOSHAAAAAA
WATER NEBULA !!!!
Juvia...
...seems like a completely different person from the one I fought during the test.

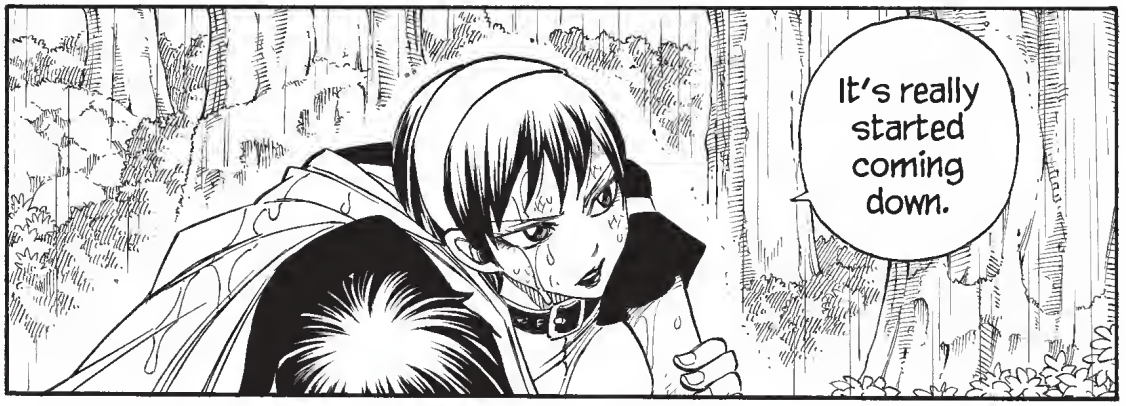
Her feelings for that man become strength.
This is Juvia's true power.

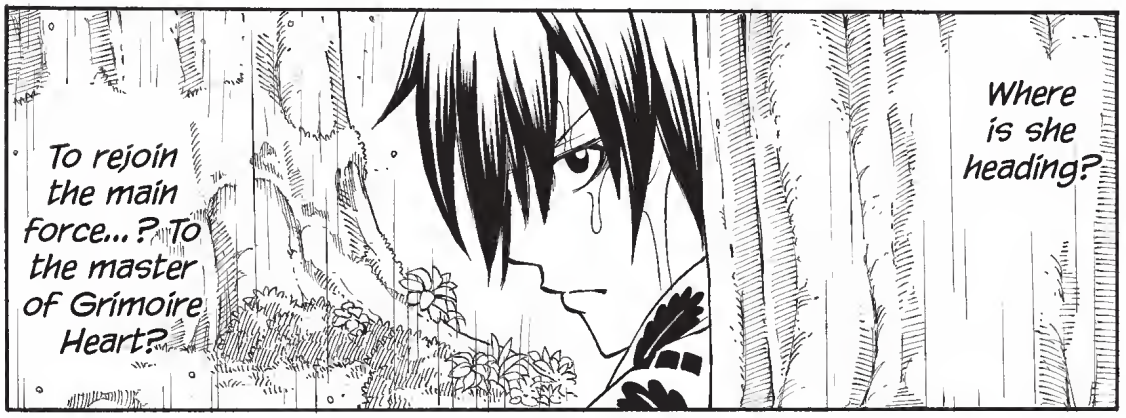
And Gray-sama too!
You must hurry and find Wendy-san.
!
Erza-san, leave this fight to Juvia.

WHOOSH
I won't let no. 4 run away!
FOOM
Understood!
I'm leaving this to you!
BLOOSH
Ngah!
GYAOOOOO!!
MAGILTY RAYS!!!!
Tsk!

WATER SLICER !!!!
KABAM
BAM
BAM
BAM

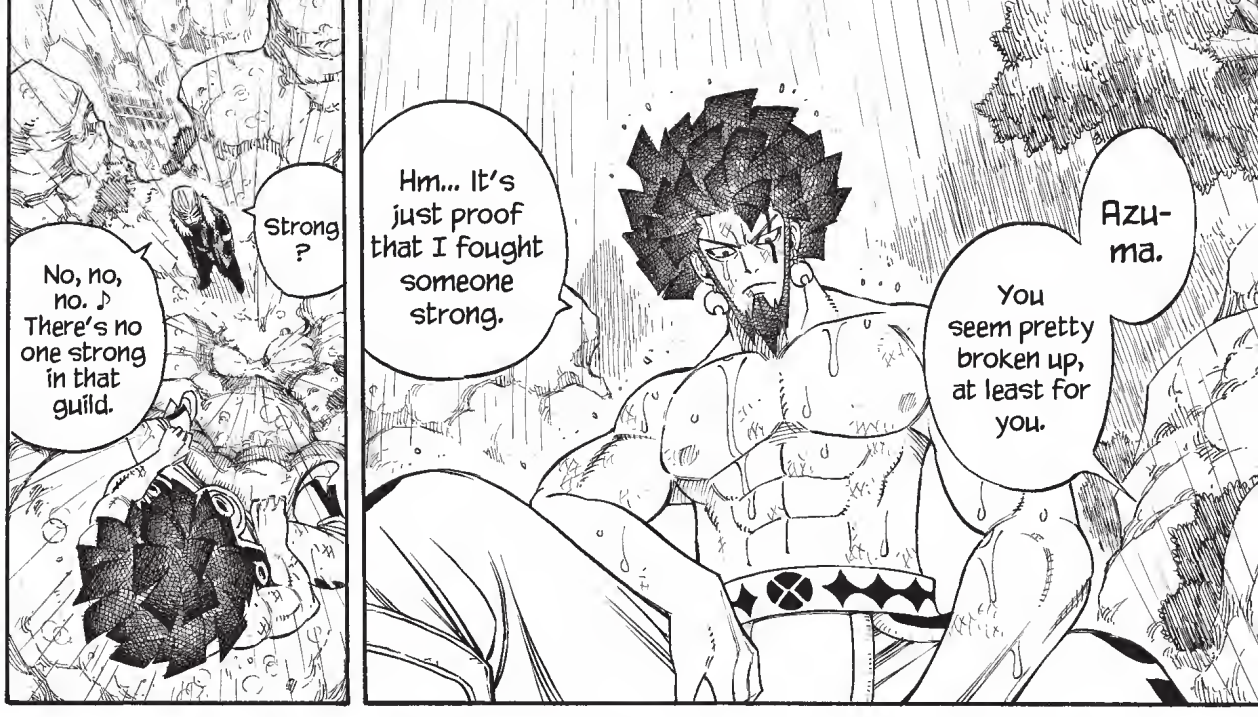


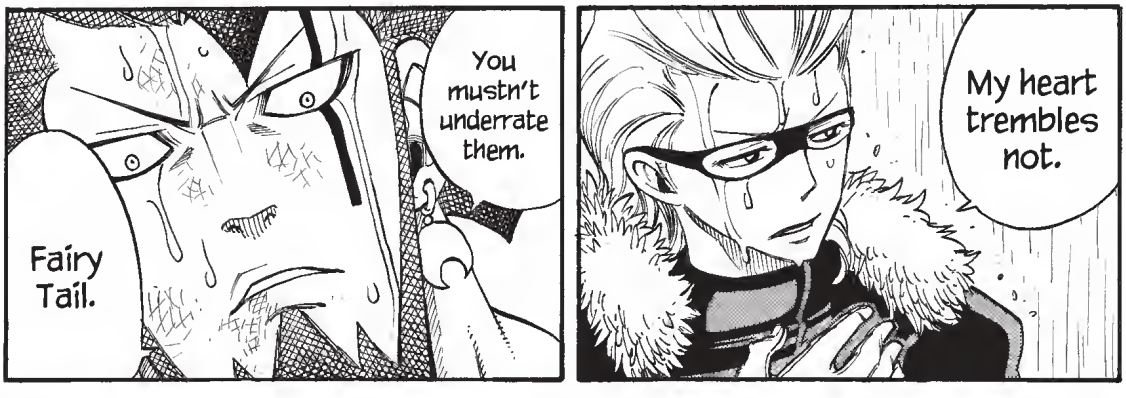

It's really started coming down.


To rejoin the main force...? To the master of Grimoire Heart?
Where is she heading?

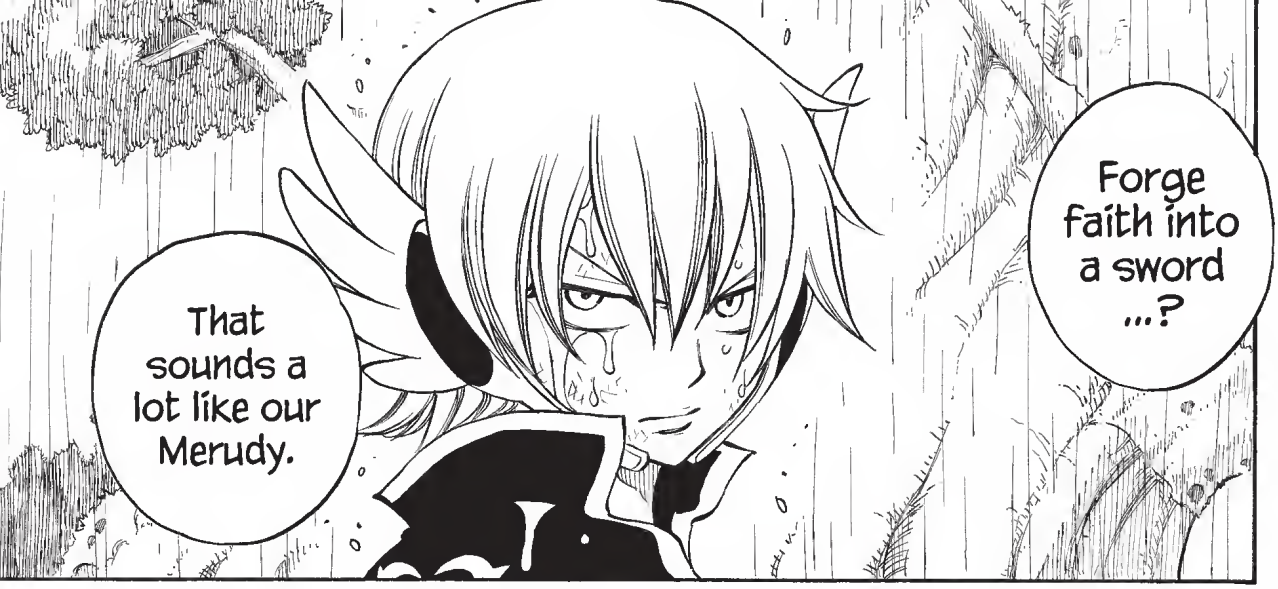
What poem is that, Rusty?
!
It's not a poem... Just my heart crying out.

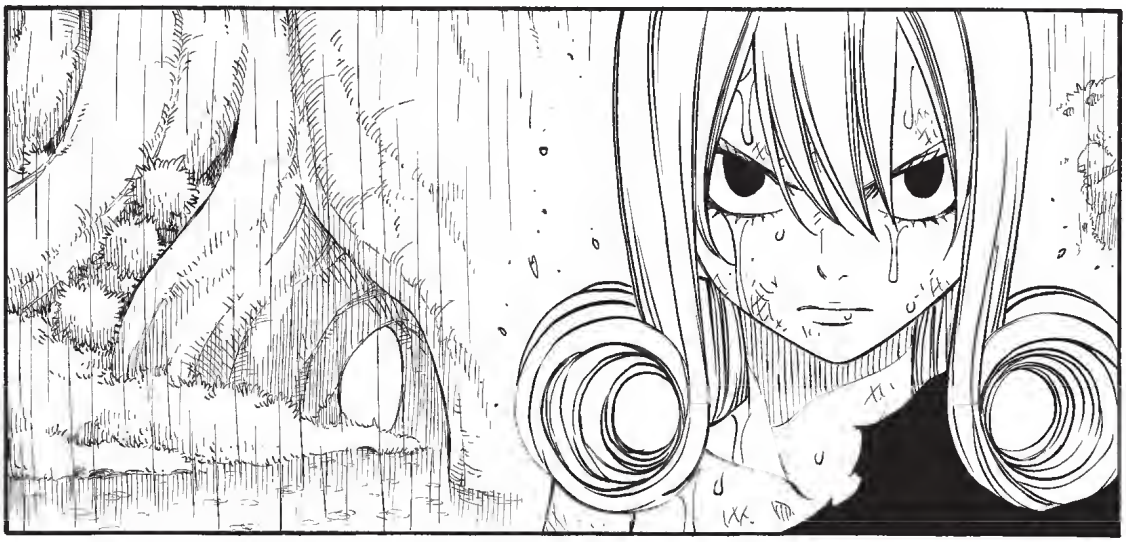
These tears are here to make me forget my desires.
The eyes of evil struggle to pierce the darkness.

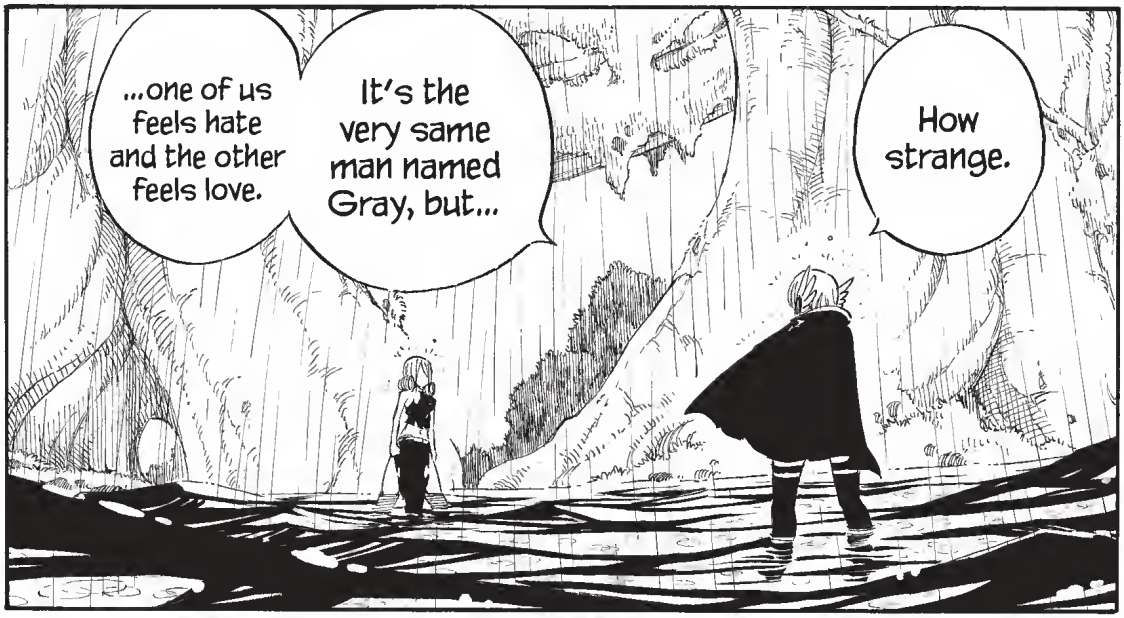

Azu-ma.
You seem pretty broken up, at least for you.
Hm... It's just proof that I fought someone strong.
Strong ?
No, no, no. ♪ There's no one strong in that guild.

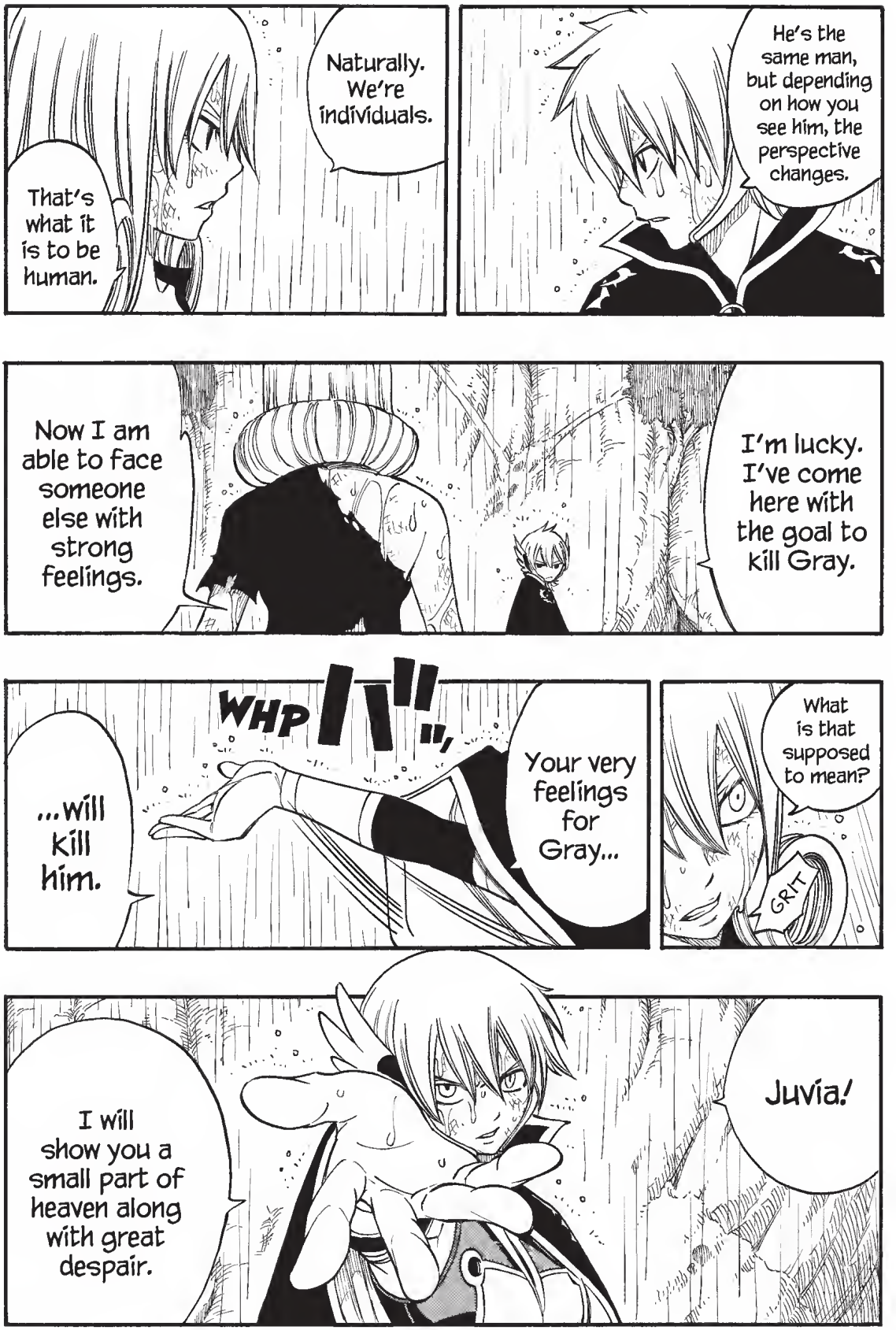

My heart trembles not.
You mustn't underrate them.
Fairy Tail.

Their weapon isn't really magic...
They have the power to forge their faith into a sword.
FSHHHH


That sounds a lot like our Merudy.
Forge faith into a sword ...?




...one of us feels hate and the other feels love.
It's the very same man named Gray, but...
How strange.


That's what it is to be human.
Naturally. We're individuals.
He's the same man, but depending on how you see him, the perspective changes.
Now I am able to face someone else with strong feelings.
I'm lucky. I've come here with the goal to kill Gray.
...will kill him.
WHP
Your very feelings for Gray...
What is that supposed to mean?
GRIT
I will show you a small part of heaven along with great despair.
Juvia!

...the image of the man you love...
...call to mind...
Now...
?!
There!
PLIP
Gray... sama ?!
BA-BUMP
Sense Link !!!!
BZZZZZZZZZT
Aaaaaa!!!

GYEEEN
キィィィン
GYEEE

Strong feelings toward the target are what make the connection possible.
Your senses are now one with Gray's!
Wh-What did you just do?!
JUVIA AND GRAY-SAMA HAVE B-B-BECOME ONE?!!!
SHHHHHH
Your senses have.
However ...
I-I could die happy!
I-It's like heaven...
PLUUN
PLUUN
Does it feel good? Your senses are completely shared now.
What's happening now?!! Suddenly I feel flushed ...?!!
BLUSH
KEEEN
Wah... Wah-Wah-Wah...
B-BMP

Gah!
KEEEN
ZHAAN
Gh!
This magic makes your pain one as well!!!!
...!!!!
TWIRL
?!
You wish to hurt...
GM
GM
GM
...Gray-sama?
No...
Gray also feels any pain you feel.
FWOOSH
SHELAH!!!!

For her to become this strong...
...her feelings have turned into power!
She raised her magic level again ?!!
GA-HAH!
Impos-sible...
KEEEN
Then I'll show her the power of my feelings!
THREE-SPREAD SENSE LINK!!!
KEEEN
KEEEN
KEEEN

KABOOM
KEEEEN
KEEEN
キイイン
KEEEEN
BAB
BAB
BAB
BAB
BAB
Waaaa

Aaaaaaaaaa!!!
VZZZT
ZHAAAN!!
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
ZHAAN
ZHAAN
ZHAAN
Gh...
...
!!!
!!!
!!!
KEEEEN
Wh-What the hell is going on here...?!!
Wh-Why is Juvia ...?!!
Through your link, I have connected myself to my target!
HAHH
HAHH
...then I will readily give my life!
If it's for Ultear...
HAHH
HAHH
URN...
HAHH
HAHH

I have connected myself to you and Gray in a three-person sense link!
This way, if either you or I die, then Gray dies as well!
KEEEEN
This is the Dead End of Despair!
It's the end of the line for Gray!

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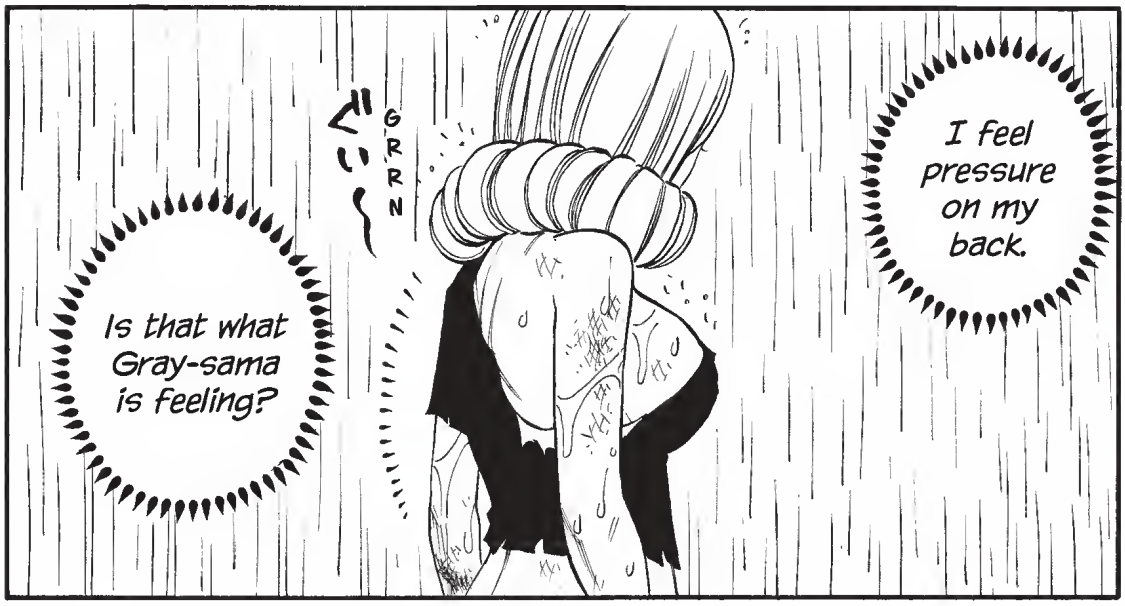
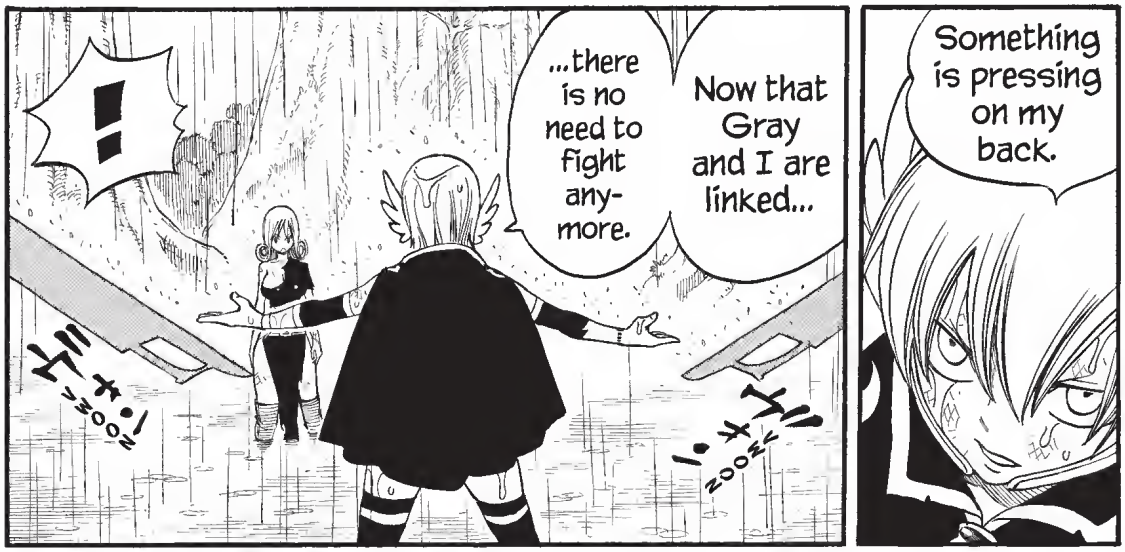
Chapter 230: Tears of Love and Vitality

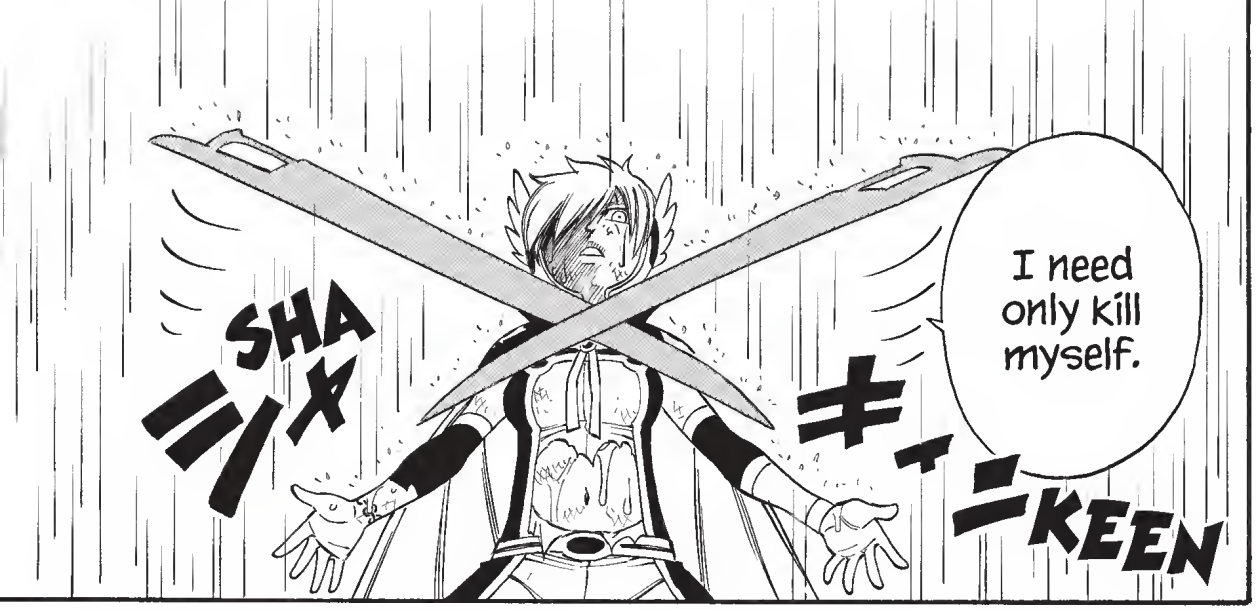
SHH HHH HHH
HH HH HH
I've connected myself ...
...to you and Gray in a three-person sense link!
Why would you do that...?
This way, if either you or I die...
Then Gray dies as well!

That's right! That is my faith!
If you do that, then you too...
SPLSH
This will end it!
When this is over, all three of us must die!
Is this why?
When did that happen?!
What is this pain?!!
And my lower legs and feet are cold! Are someone else's feelings coming into me?

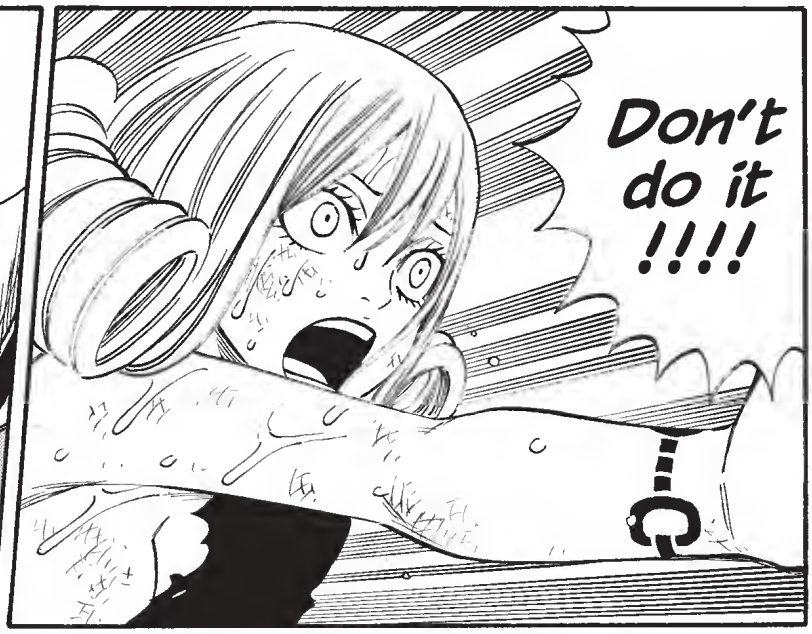
Dammit!! If I'm wrapped up in this, I'll lose sight of her!
KAK


I feel pressure on my back.
GRRN
Is that what Gray-sama is feeling?


Something is pressing on my back.
Now that Gray and I are linked...
...there is no need to fight anymore.
!
ZOOZ
ZOOZ


I need only kill myself.
SHA
KEEN

I am not afraid of death!

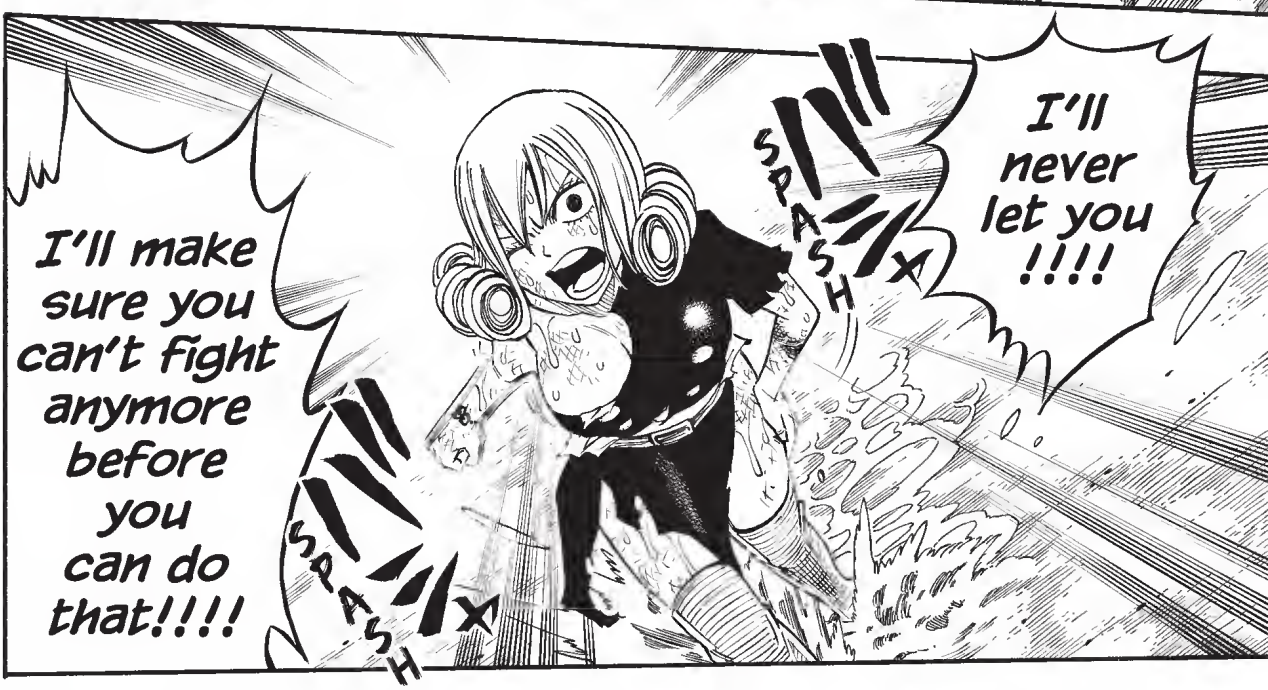

Don't do it !!!!

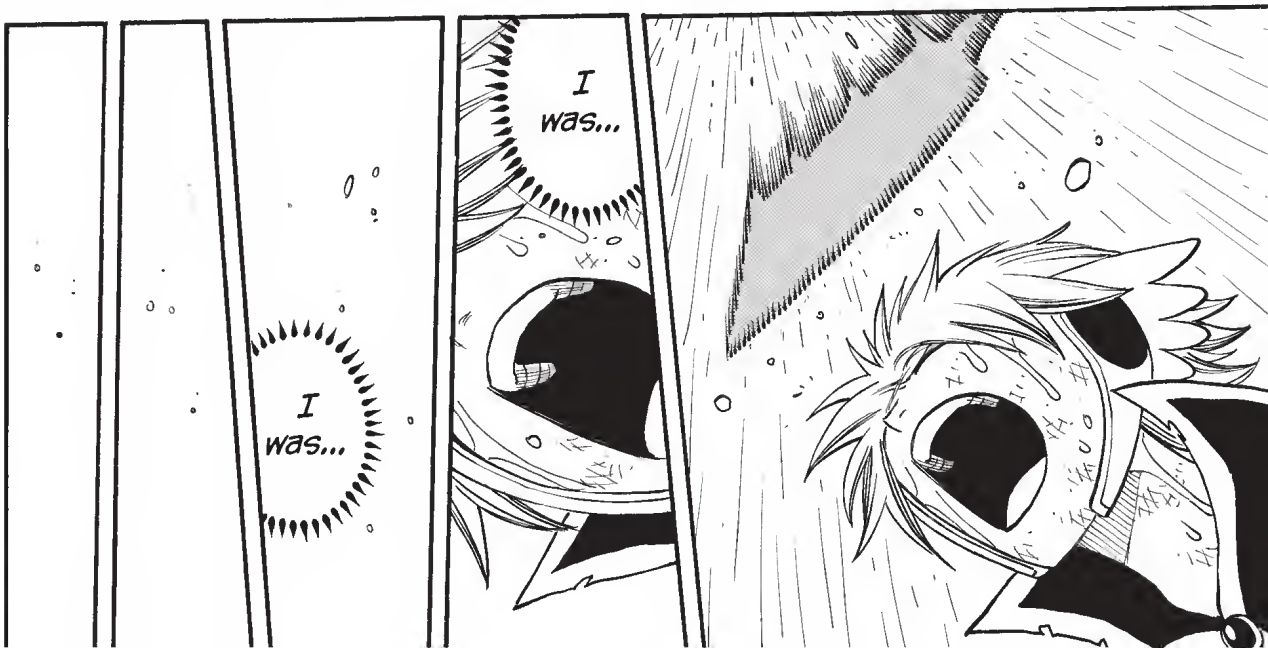
Gray-sama, please forgive Juvia!!!!

NGAAH!!!
CRACK
KEEEN
Gah!
SHAKEEN
SLUMP
Kuhhhhhh...
ZHAAN
KEEEN
You attacked your own leg...?!!
HAHH
HAHH
Unff...
Urrn...

Though we share pain through Magilty Sense, we don't share wounds.
The only way to stop me is to kill me!
And only *death* is shared by all!
When people share the link, they also share their lives!
Even so, you intend to defy me?
The only path left for the three of us is death!
There *is* another path!
All three can live!
GRN GRN GRN GRN
Even when we defeat an enemy...
...Fairy Tail wizards don't go so far as to take that enemy's life!

I'll kill Gray for Ultear's sake!!
VWOON
You're being naïve !!!


I'll make sure you can't fight anymore before you can do that!!!!
SPASH
SPASH
I'll never let you !!!!


I was...
I was...

うあーん WAAAAAH
うあーん WAAAAAH
You're all right now.
Please stop crying.
うあーん WAAAAAH
うあーん WAAAAAH
I'll look after her.
うあーん WAAAAAH
うあーん WAAAAAH
If... I-If... If so, we'll have to crush her.
A survivor.
What's with the brat?
あーん WAAAAH

Woo-wee.
It's all right. I will bring this child close to the source of magic.

She looks like I did years ago.

We're under orders to wipe out every living thing in the land where Zeref's key slumbers!
What are you talking about?!

I've told you not to call me that.
Urtear... Why do you always seem so sad?

Someday I'll tell you about it.

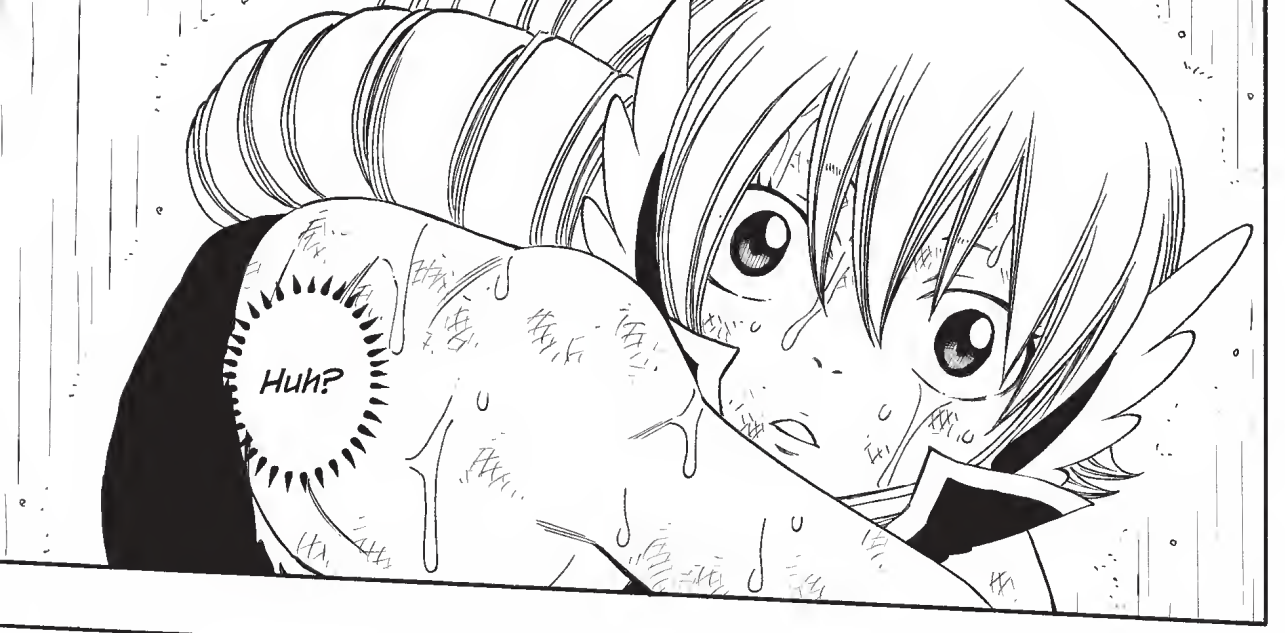
Dead?

Ur was my mother.
The name Urtear is now dead.

I don't need such a grown-up daughter.
My mother is Ultear!
GYUUM

I was...

I was...

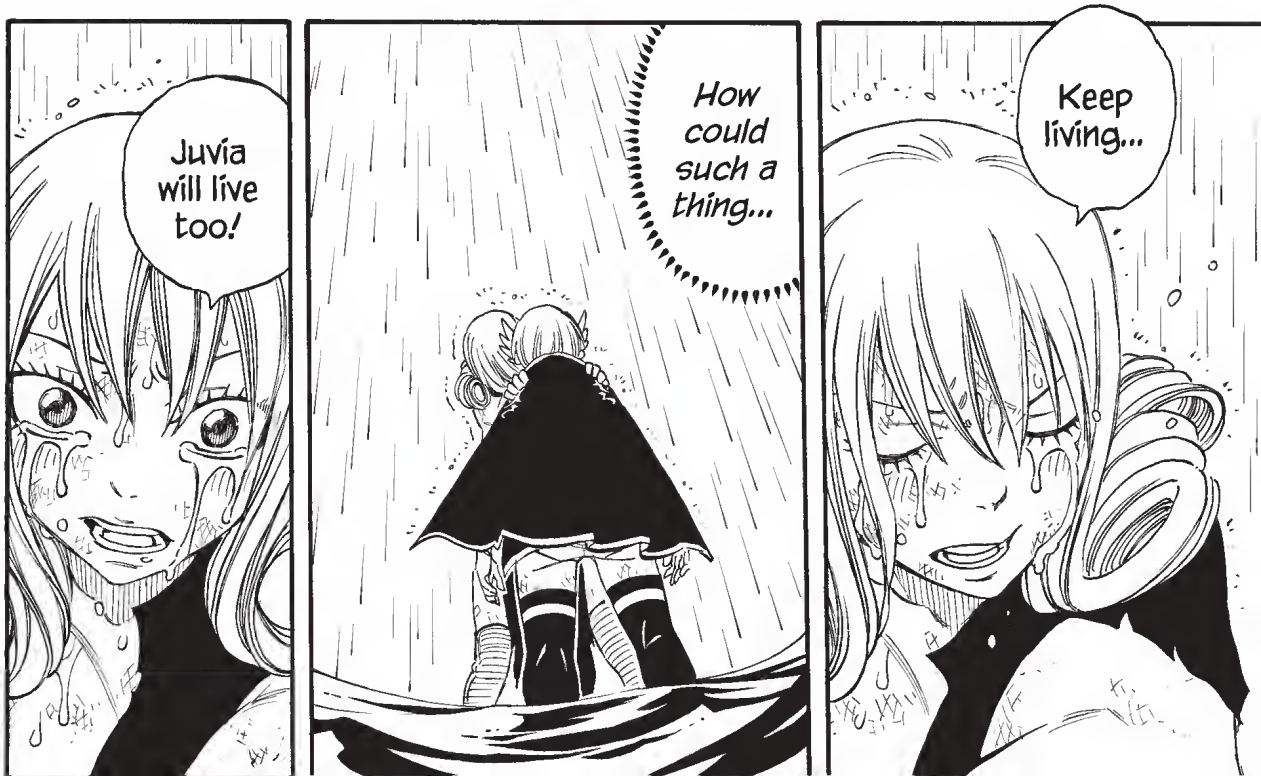

Huh?

SNIFF
SNIFF
WAH
...
WAH
...

What... is this...
SNIFF
HIKK
WAA
...
Why ...?!
Why is she crying?!
HIK
SNIFF

You too have a smile all your own!!!!
You have someone extremely important to you, too !!!!

Could I have gone beyond just senses...
...and somehow shared my emotions ?!!


Keep living...
How could such a thing...
Juvia will live too!

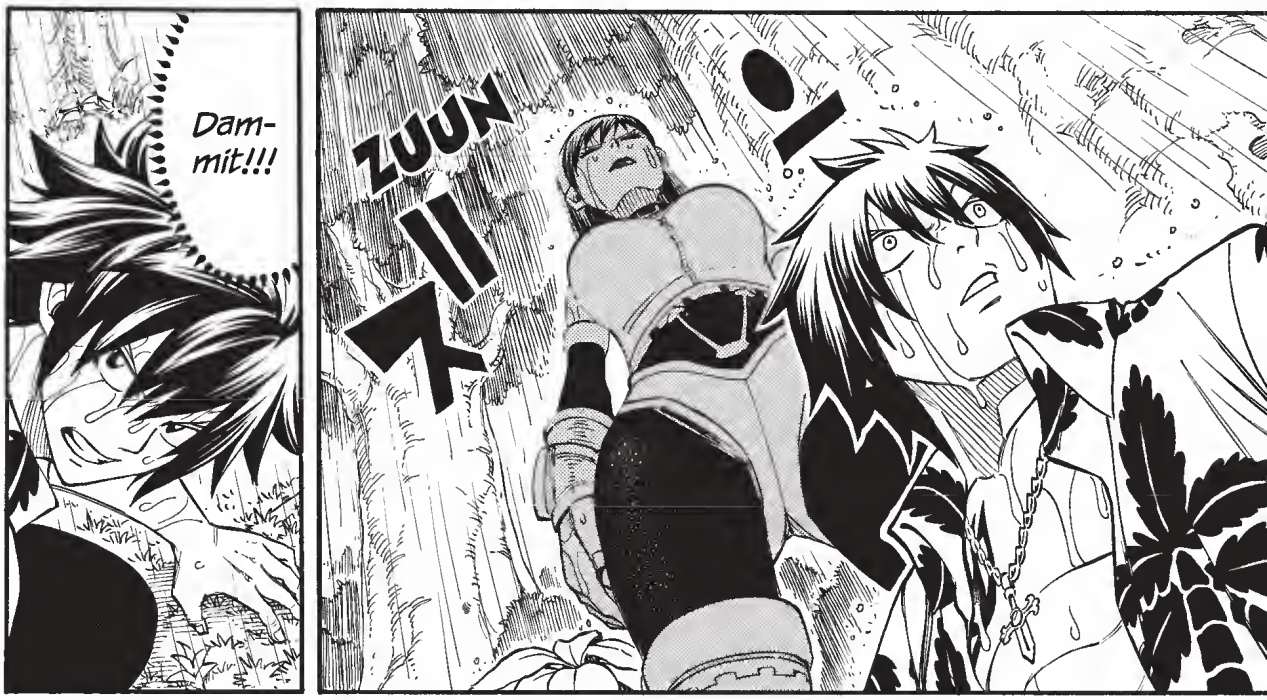
You live for the one you love!!!!
If both you and Juvia have love, then we *have* to go on living!!!!
Love...
I can't ...
NOD
KEEEN
KEEEN
Go on living ...
If I keep sharing emotions with this woman...
BLUP

This emotion is...

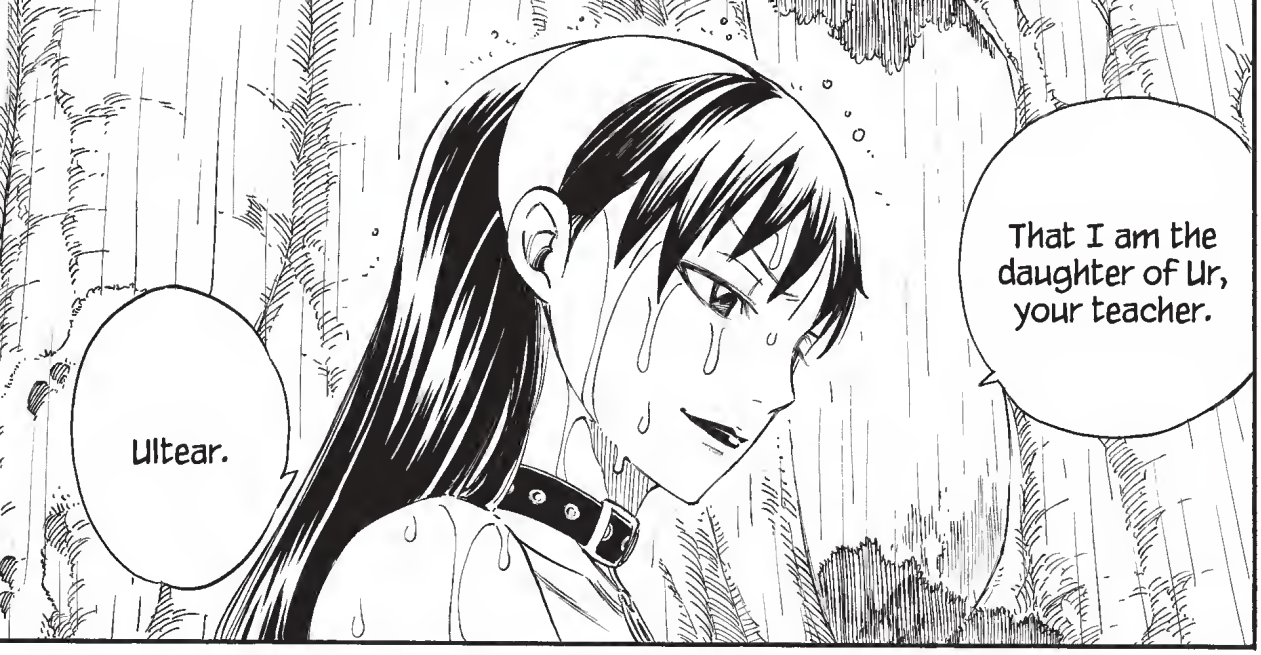
They're tears of love and vitality.

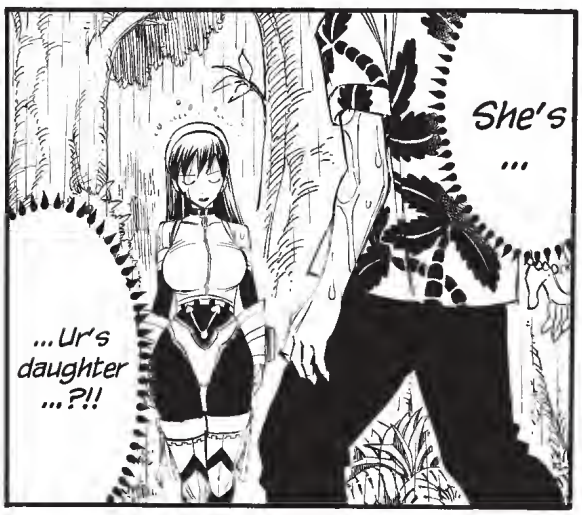
PSHUUM
PSHUUM
PSHUUM
SPASH
SLUMP
WAVER
If you want to fight Gray-sama, he will not flinch from it.
SPASH
I cannot fight you...

Tears ?!
Aw, man! What happened ?!
That mark on my arm is gone too.
That feeling that I'm connected is gone now.


Dam-mit!!!
ZUUN
ズ!!
O!

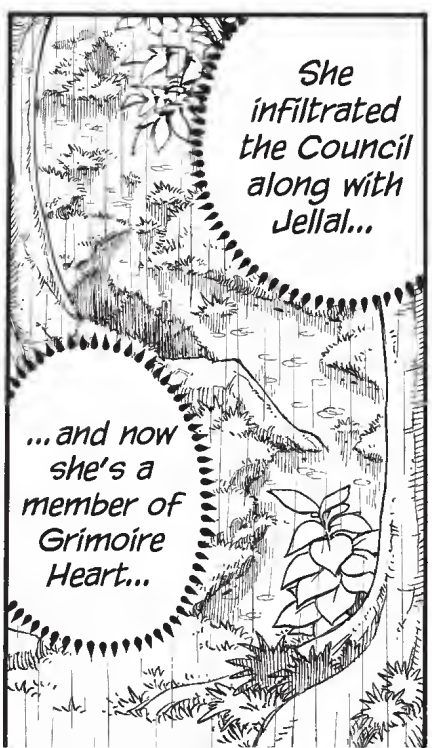
You realized it quite a while back, hm?
You...
Have you been following me?
Kh...


That I am the daughter of Ur, your teacher.
Ultear.


She's ...
...Ur's daughter ...?!!

Gray...

That makes sense... Of course she'd bear a grudge against me.


She infiltrated the Council along with Jellal...
...and now she's a member of Grimoire Heart...

I've always wanted to meet you!
Never fear. I'm on your side!

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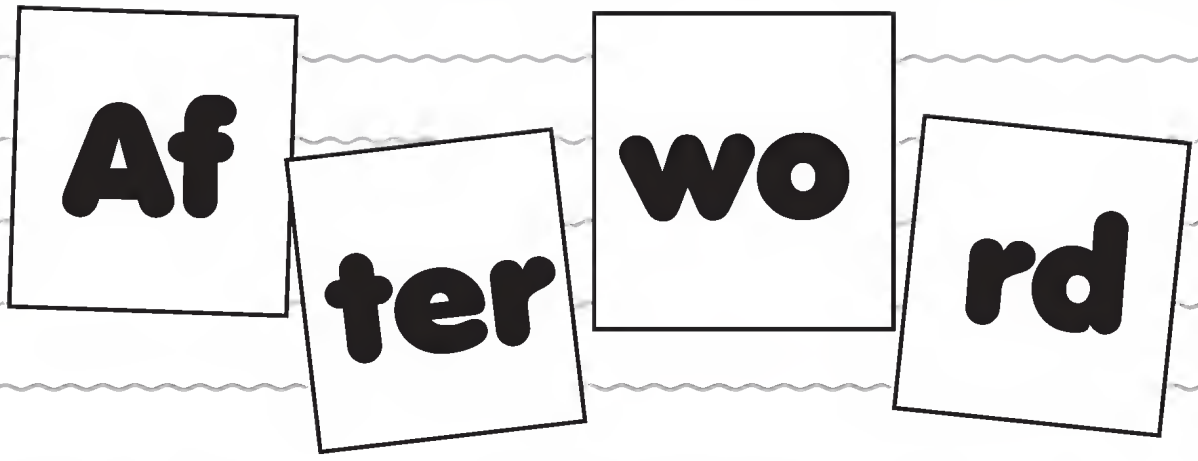


This particular story arc is pretty long, huh? I guess my estimates were off. Usually a story arc takes about three volumes, but this time we've already gone through three volumes, and I'd say we're only about half finished with it, maybe. Hmm... Well, you could say that there are a lot more people involved this time, so the extra time is only natural, but also, things are going to heat up from here on out, so stay with us!! And I've got a really wild twist planned for the last scene of this one. Expect something big! I can't go into details, but it's one of those huge twists where the whole story, guild, and entire setting may be on the verge of changing. I can tell you that I'm chomping at the bit to draw it!

Changing the subject, I'm sure you've already noticed, but I don't have a home page, blog, Twitter account* or anything. As much as I'd like to do one, I get the feeling that I wouldn't be able to continue it very long, so I never tried. Also, I've had this nagging anxiety over readers hearing from me in my own words directly. There's a certain influence that goes along with the words of famous people like creators such as myself and TV stars, sports personalities and politicians and such. I've always thought that I don't want to blurt out something irresponsible, you know? And when I think of that, it becomes more difficult for me to do it. Even so, there are a lot of people around me using Twitter, so I've had an itch to try it myself...but I don't know how it'll turn out. Still, if I were to do a blog or Twitter, I might have less time for drawing... By the way, right now, I spend nearly all of every week drawing manga.

*Mashima-sensei has since signed up for Twitter (@hiro_mashima) and is quite active.

If-Plue

Hey everybody! If you were a Plue, what kind of Plue would you be? Have you ever thought about that? Of course not, right? We expected that. But for today, we are doing a special, "What kind of Plue would you be" column! Sure, it's dumb, but it's a fun kind of dumb to think about! How you do it is simple! Figure out the number that is derived from your name! Let's take as an example the name of Fairy Tail's Japanese editor, Mr. Matsuki.

1.) **Noriaki Matsuki**

(First, write out your name on a piece of paper.)

2.) **NORIAKIMATSUKI**
↓↓↓↓↓↓↓↓↓↓↓↓↓↓↓
4 5 8 9 1 1 9 3 1 0 9 1 1 9

Next, you assign numbers based on the order of the alphabet. The tens place doesn't matter for our purposes, so this is how the numbers would work.
A = 1, B = 2, C = 3, D = 4, E = 5, F = 6, G = 7, H = 8, I = 9, J = 0, K = 1, L = 2, M = 3, N = 4, O = 5, P = 6, Q = 7, R = 8, S = 9, T = 0, U = 1, V = 2, W = 3, X = 4, Y = 5, and Z = 6.

3.) **4+5+8+9+1+1+9+3+1+0+9+1+1+9**
=
61
=
1

Then you add up all the numbers. When you get the total, take the ones place digit (ignoring the tens place and higher), and that becomes your Plue number. In Mr. Matsuki's example, that number is 1. Now take your Plue number you got here and check out the next page! (Just turn the page!)

Now, if you have some time to waste, give it a try!!

If-Plue 2

1. Normal Plue

You're a normal Plue. Yes, we know you're a dog who, for some reason, walks on two legs, but you're still a normal Plue. You are the same kind of Plue you see in the manga.

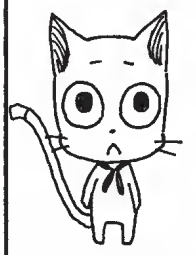
2. Eating Plue

Anyway, you really like to eat! You're happiest when you're munching down on something. Just be careful you don't become a fat Plue.

3. Sleeping Plue

Do you find yourself running late all the time these days? Even when you've turned from human into a Plue, you still sleep all the time!

4. Happy?



Too bad (?), but for some reason, you're not a Plue but a Happy. That's pretty rare, so you can take some pride in that.

5. ? Plue

Yes, it's nice to have a burning curiosity about all sorts of things, but that can also lead to trouble, so take care with it, okay?

6. Dejected Plue

Maybe you're feeling downhearted, but you can't let it get the best of you! You'll turn out to be a fine, upstanding Plue! I know it! By the way, you really get along well with Plue Number 3!

7. Hungry Plue

Anyway, I suggest you just get a bite to eat. If you don't, it could spell trouble. You look like you could fade away. You are very compatible with Plue Number 2.

8. Crying Plue

You have to be stronger! If you just keep crying, all the fun in life will run away from you! I'm sure you like to smile once in a while too, right?

9. CosPlue

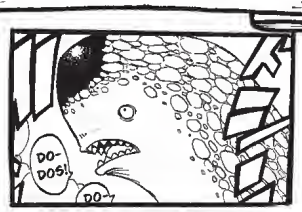
You are a Plue that loves snazzy clothing! You also blow through your money on it. You are always in pursuit of the ultimate fashion statement!

0. Dancing Plue

You are a Plue who loves to dance. When Lucy summons you, you can ease everyone's tension with your fancy footwork!

The Bestiary of Sirius Island

Doscadon

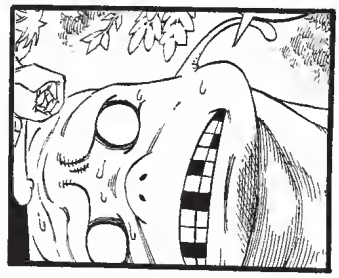


This is a giant carnivore that specializes in a head-butt attack. It crushes its prey with its head, then eats the meat.

Quly

It's a native of the northern part of the island, but during winter months, it migrates to the south.

Cubina Gamal

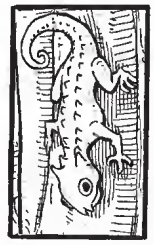


A huge herbivore 5-7 meters (16-23 feet) tall. There are rare instances where individuals can speak and understand human language.

Clipper

A violent-tempered bird that inhabits Sirius Island. They attack in flocks.

Bakshi



Lives in the trees or on the ground and tends to eat insects. It is unusual to catch sight of one.

Budragos

This is considered a giant member of the pig family. There are large numbers of this species in Fiore as well.

Sirius Squirrel

A rare member of the squirrel family that can only be found on Sirius Island. None of the world's biologists have ever seen it.

Goromajiro

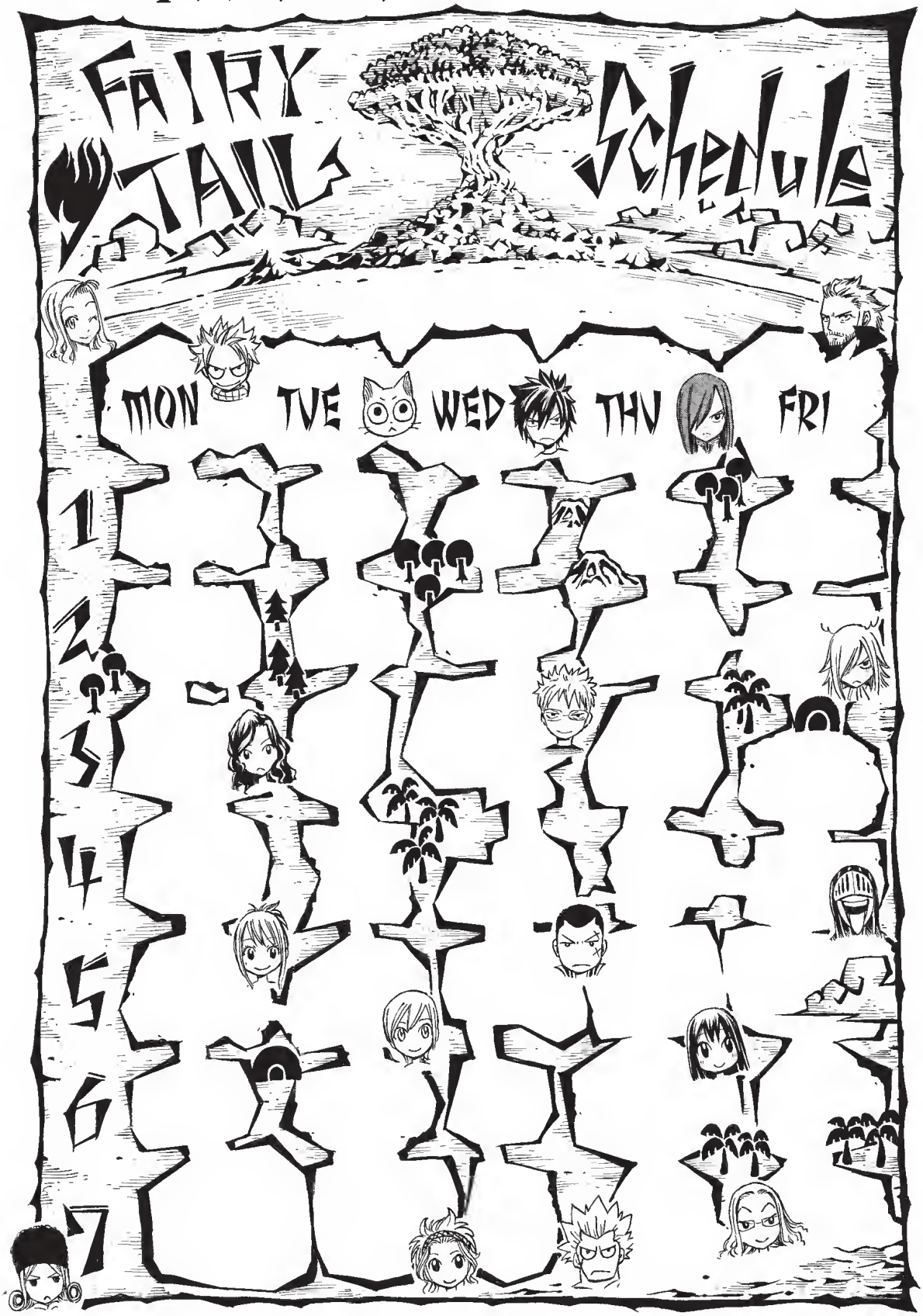
The exposed surfaces of its skin are covered in tough scales. When it is intent on battle, it can roll itself into a ball to attack.

Spot the Differences!

This artwork below is just like page 124! But if you look really closely, you can see a few differences...

There are ten differences!! Can you find them all?

Hourly Scheduler

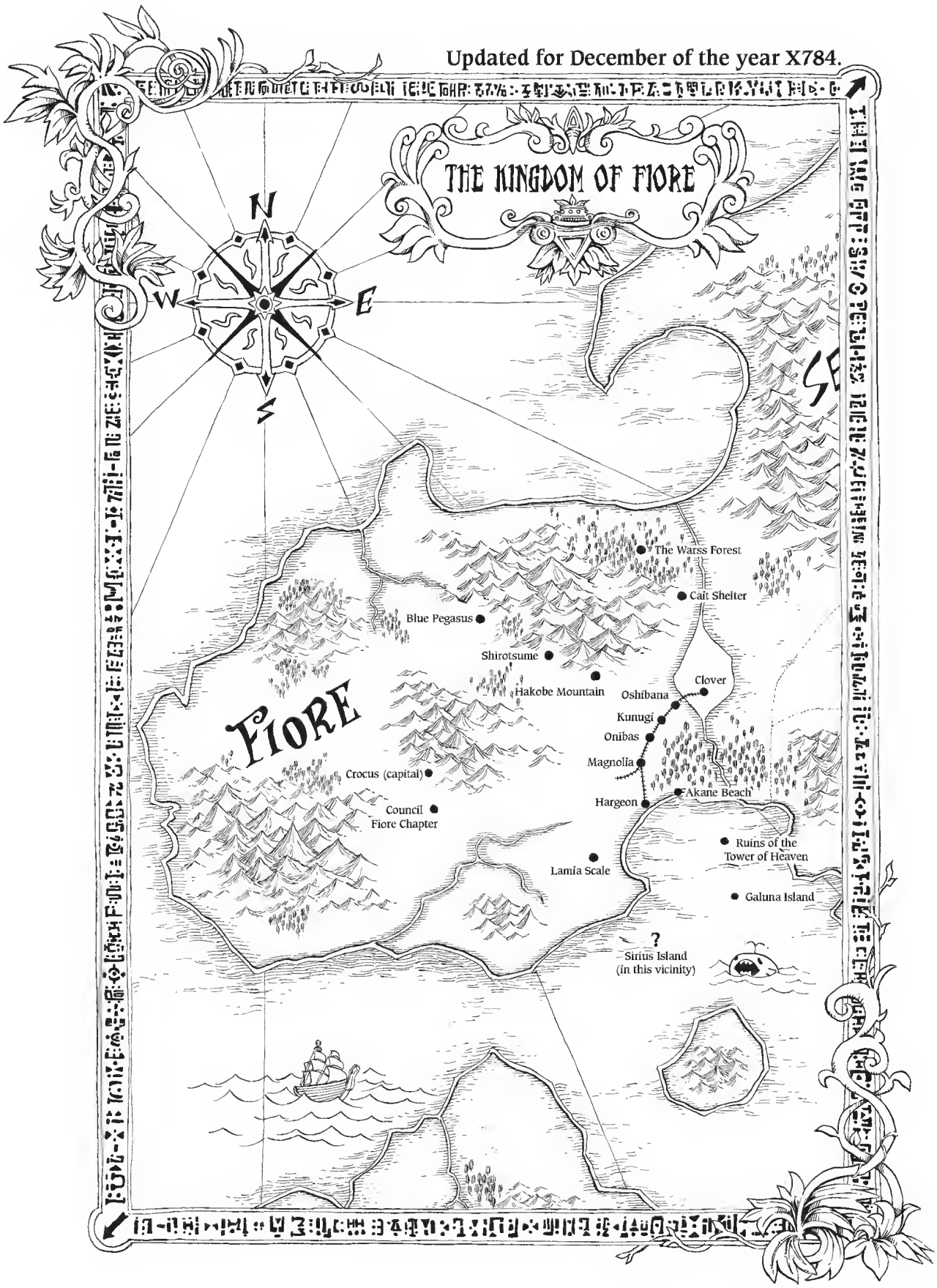


Copy this page and fill it in for yourself!

ABOUT THE NAMING OF THE CHARACTERS 2

It may be late to do this since there are just so many characters now, but let's go for it anyway.

Gajeel --> Kajiru, the Japanese word for "to gnaw." The Japanese sound effect for his eating is "*gaji gaji*."
Wendy --> In the first concepts, Wendy was "Water Dragon." The Japanese word for the day in the middle of the week is Suiyôbi or "water day," then I got to the English Wednesday, and from there to Wendy.
Carla (Sharuru or Charles in Japanese) --> I think this was the name of a princess character in a book I read a long time ago. But in the West, there are a lot of countries where the name is male, so the name has changed in a bunch of countries.
Fried --> He was originally supposed to be named Albion. But the rest of the Raijin Tribe had longer names, so Fried's name was shortened to give it some balance. In his original concept, he attacked with archaic words, so his name was Furui-zo! ("It's old!"), shortened to Furi-zo! to Fried.
Bickslow --> It was a mash of "Big" and "Throw."
Evergreen --> It refers to trees that don't lose their leaves in the winter. Her color is green.
Laxus --> It's based on a unit of measurement for light, "Lux."
Panther Lily --> This is a play on the name of a famous character from a certain fairy tale.
Juvia --> I don't remember about this one, but I really, really love the name!
Levy --> She was just a background character at first, so I don't really remember. But I really like her!
Lisanna --> I just get the feeling that a name ending like xxx-anna makes it sound cute!
Precht --> From the literary scholar.
Ultear --> As mentioned in the books, she's "Ur's tear."
Kain Hikaru --> The nickname of someone who was a part of my staff.
Rustyrose --> It was a riff on the name of a cocktail.
Merudy --> This just sort of came to me. (Afterwards I realized it's the name of a character in an old RPG I used to play. I regret not realizing it.)
Zancrow --> I so don't remember about this name that it surprises even me!
Caprico --> It's from Capricorn, the goat, the constellation.
Azuma --> When I was trying to think of a name, the TV celebrity Mikihisa Azuma just happened to come on.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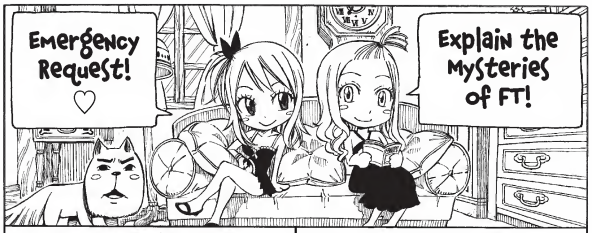

At Mirajane's House...

: Wow!! Mirajane's house!♡

: Welcome, Lucy!

Lucy: Oh! You own a dog?

Mira: He's a stray, though.

: If you own him, you can't call him a stray, right?

Mira: Let's get right off to our question corner, shall we?

In Volume 21, there was a scene where Edolas Natsu suddenly showed up with a scarf. What was that about?

Lucy: That question... There are a lot of people pointing that out, huh?

Mira: It was nothing more than a mistake, right?

Lucy: Well manga creators are human too. I suppose there are times when they space out and make some mistakes.

Mira: Like when he *forgets to draw your clothes, Lucy.*

: I kind of wonder why a pro would be doing that.

Mira: Speaking of questioning the professionalism of creators, there's this!

In Volume 7, the guild mark was on Lisanna's left shoulder, but in the Edolas chapters it was on her left thigh. Why is that?

Lucy: Oh, no...!!

Mira: A lot of details being pointed out, hm?

Lucy: Another mistake?

: No. We actually can make up an excuse for that.

: You shouldn't be saying, "excuse"...

Mira: The people of the Edolas Fairy Tail don't actually have guild marks on their bodies. That's why she moved her mark to a place where it wouldn't stand out. How's that?

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Continued from the left-hand page.

Lucy: Okay, we'll just call that the reason.

Mira: There are really a lot of other detail mistakes that haven't been pointed out yet, but if we just keep quiet, nobody will ever know, so we'll not say a word!♡

Lucy: Y-Yeah, I guess...

Mira: And the next question.

If Cana failed the S-Class test four times, who were the wizards who managed to pass the test?

Lucy: I want to know that too!

Mira: Yes... Actually the truth of that is a little complicated, so let's look at a chart.

Test Year	Passed the Test	Cana Takes Part
X784	Still in Progress	
X783	No Wizard Passed	
X782	Mystogan	
X781	Mirajane (16 years old)	
X780	Erza (15 years old)	
X779	No Wizard Passed	
X778	Laxus (17 years old)	
X???	Gildarts	

Lucy: Really?

Mira: Looking at it like this, I'm reminded that I passed the year before we lost Lisanna...

Lucy: And there are times when no wizard passed, huh?

Mira: That's right. And a number of people passed between Gildarts and Laxus, but for various reasons, they're not in the guild now.

Lucy: Looking at their ages at the time, we don't know how old Gildarts was, but Erza was just 15...?

Mira: Right! She holds the record for youngest!

Lucy: That's pretty amazing...

: Tsweet!! Tsweet!!

: !!

Mira: Oh, my... There you are again!

Lucy: L-Listen, Mira-san, that bark is really weird!

: Tsweet!! Tsweetsuu!!

Mira: Really?

: Absolutely! Completely weird!!

Mira: I think he's better than a Lucy who barks out, "Mountain Lion Pon!"

Lucy: That isn't any kind of a bark!

Mira: Here! Here, little doggy!

Lucy: I'm just going to ask this, but what's the **breed name** of that dog?

: What? I have no idea. I told you it was a stray, right? It just came to my place on its own.

Lucy: So it really *was* a stray...? (sigh)

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FAIRY TAIL GUILD d'ART

Hyogo Prefecture, Miko

▲There seem to be a lot of people who are very concerned about where the relationship of these two is going.

Taiwan, Wu Yu-Jing

▲The second piece of art from Taiwan! Her skirt has a keyboard pattern! ♪

Taiwan, Cerg Heng-Min

▲This time, there were two pieces of work from Taiwan! Natsu's face is great!

Kanagawa Prefecture, Haruka Itō

▲There's a ribbon in Natsu's hair! It looks better than expected.

Gifu Prefecture, Yūri Takagi

◀Ohh! It's cut-out art! Wonderful!!

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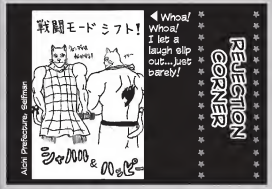
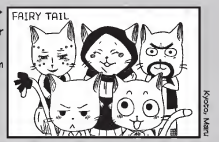
Aichi Prefecture, Saffman



◀Whoa! Whoa! I let a laugh slip out...just barely!

REJECTION CORNER

Happy, Carla and their families. Will we see them again?



Kanagawa Prefecture, Reina Mori

▲These two were an unexpected combo! But how's their teamwork?

Fukuoka Prefecture, Nagisa ♡(Older sister)

▲It's a Lucy fan! Thank you so much!

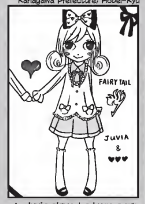
Aichi Prefecture, Misaki Tomita

▲The men who are tagged as the hunky guys of FT. Loke really worked hard this time!

Gunma Prefecture, Hinari Akasaka

▲This is good! As always, Zeref is really popular, but he didn't really have a part this volume, huh!?

Kanagawa Prefecture, Hōbei-Kyō



▲Juvia played a huge part this time, didn't she?

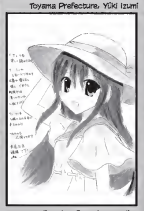
Chiba Prefecture, Yūya

▲Long time, no see! Is everybody doing good?

Shizuoka Prefecture, Phantom

▲Ha haaa! Everybody with Happy's face!!

Toyama Prefecture, Yūki Izumi



▲Thanks for the really cute picture of Wendy!

FROM HIRO MASHIMA

On the occasion of the Great Tohoku Earthquake, I would like to offer my support and condolences to anyone affected by the tragedy. I have made arrangements for any royalties I may receive (any money sent to me) from the sale of Japanese Volume 26, in both normal and special editions, to be sent to aid the victims of the disaster. This note is to tell those who bought Volume 26 where their money is going and to send my fervent wishes that smiles come back to those who are suffering as soon as possible.

Hiro Mashima
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Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 59, Six hours

The word for six hours in Japanese is *roku-jikan*. The word for six letters is *roku-ji*. So there was a clue (aside from simply the number 6) in Makarov's instructions as to the location of the grave. However, there was no good way to get the similarities across in the English version, since English does not use as great a variety of terms to count different things, such as hours or letters.

Page 67, Curse of Vengeance

The original Japanese refers to a specific vengeance curse called *ushi no koku mairi*. This is a trip to perform a rite during what is called the "hour of the ox" in ancient Japan, somewhere between 1 and 3 a.m., a time devoted to spirits. In modern Japanese folklore, it's usually depicted by showing a person with candles strapped to his or her forehead holding a doll made of straw, which represents the one to be cursed. The person then nails the doll to a tree to deliver the curse.

Page 71, Do-Doskoi

Dosukoi (pronounced doskoi) is a shout for which I've never heard a proper meaning. Traditionally, it's shouted at sumo matches as a taunt or an instigation from one side to the other. It can also be thought of as a wish for one to do one's best (or fight hard).

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